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Electric base rate hike takes effect

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The Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission has finally certified the tariff sheet for the new electric base rate, putting it into effect starting yesterday, April 17.

It was on Feb. 5 when the commission approved the electric base rate petition of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to generate the $2.8 million it needs. Its implementation, however, was contingent on the finalized tariff sheets that would reflect how the rate would be calculated and enforced.

In an order yesterday, CPUC hearing examiner Harry Boertzel indicated that the rate, fee, and refund adjustments reflect those authorized and approved in the Feb. 5 decision and becomes effective as of April 17, 2014.

Based on the new tariff, CUC residential customers using 1 to 350 kWh per month will be assessed $0.0210 per

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UPGRADES HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
Radiocom personnel install state-of-the-art traffic signals at the Beach Road-Microl intersection in San Jose yesterday, which is a portion of the Department of Public Works' $1.425-million traffic signal system upgrade project. The project includes removal and replacement of traffic signal controllers, including cabinets and pedestrian push buttons. Traffic signal heads are upgraded to light emitting diode, or LEDs, at 19 intersections on Saipan, among other things.

Draft audit uncovers messy financials at CHCC

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Members of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. board were alarmed yesterday over what they described as "scary revelations" about the organization's finances after an audit uncovered several unrecorded disbursements and unsupported and unidentified transactions.

» Board poised to call OPA investigation once audit is finalized

The board spent over seven hours yesterday reviewing the initial findings of the independent audit report for fiscal year 2012—the first ever commissioned for the healthcare institution.

Based on the draft findings, read by trustee Roy Rios in the open session yesterday, there were serious findings identified in several areas including CHCC's general fund where the auditor discovered unrecorded disbursements of $38,517 in the general ledger. These represent six checks issued in November 2011, January 2012, and August 2012.

When asked for an explanation, CHCC interim CFO Cora Ada and interim CEO Esther Muña told the board that "manual checks were issued" and were probably not recorded in the account. They revealed that access to the account is limited to the CEO, CFO,

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Crisostomo trial visits crime scenes

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The trial of murder suspect Joseph A. Crisostomo went on an on-site visit yesterday to the former La Fiesta Mall where the body of bartender Emerita Romero was found and the street where she was last seen alive, boarding a car.

Crisostomo

Superior Court Associate Judge N. Camacho, who is presiding over the jury trial of the 40-year-old Crisostomo, led the eight jurors and the prosecution and defense teams yesterday afternoon in a visit to the former La Fiesta Mall in San Roque/As Matuis and near St. Michael's Ambulance along Chichirica Avenue corner Kadena Di Amor St. in Garapan.

Romero reportedly boarded a car along Chichirica Avenue corner Kadena Di Amor St. at about 2:40am on Feb. 5, 2012. Two days later, Feb. 7, Federal Bureau of Investigation agents found her body in a small room at the northernmost part of the abandoned La Fiesta Mall.

A woman also testified yesterday that she met Crisostomo in the early morning hours of Feb. 5, 2012, in a rental car parked in a dark portion of a parking lot of Piano Poker along Middle Road in Garapan. She said Crisostomo

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CUC: Status quo on Tinian IPP contract

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Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board chair David J. Sablan said the utilities agency's ties with independent power producer Telesource CNMI remains the same in lieu of a recent determination that the company is a public utility that requires oversight of the regulatory agency.

Telesource is the independent power producer that operates the Tinian power plant. In November 2010, CUC petitioned Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission to approve change order No. 5 in its contract with Telesource CNMI Inc. The contract with this company, *Saipan Tribune* learned, has already undergone four change orders.

It will be recalled that in November 2011, CPUC provisionally approved change order No. 5, subject to it being funded through a base rate increase. In January 2012, CPUC rejected CUC's request to fund this change order.

Change order No. 5 provides extensions of up to 15 years on the Telesource contract, with incremental increases each year that will be sourced from electric base charges.

Saipan Tribune learned that under the existing Telesource contract, its relationship with CUC as Tinian IPP stands for eight years or until March 2020. CUC pays the company $2 million annually to provide power services to Tinian, estimated to have 4,000 residents.

With the approved change order No. 5, the contract provided an extension up to 15 years that will yield incremental increases each year—$3.5 million each year or $32 million fee in the 15-year period.

Just recently, the CPUC determined that Telesource CNMI is a public utility that must be under the commission's oversight.

Because of this ruling, CUC's relationship with the IPP on Tinian will be status quo, Sablan said.

"It is up to the Telesource first to respond to the CPUC's determination of them being a public utility and therefore are subject to direct CPUC oversight," he said.

Sablan added that depending on the outcome of Telesource's dialogue with CPUC on this issue, and CPUC's decision after, CUC cannot entertain matters with regards to its relationship with Telesource that affects the rates it charges customers on Tinian.

CUC contracted Telesource in September 1997 to build and operate a 10-MW diesel power plant for $21.6 million on Tinian, which CUC would ultimately own and operate. Under the agreement, Telesource was to design and construct, procure all necessary equipment and materials; arrange all shipping to the site; and initially own and maintain and operate the plant.

Payment would be made by a series of monthly payments of $180,000 represented by 120 promissory notes. On top of this monthly payment, CUC was also obligated to pay $50,000 monthly in quality and management fee and a production fee of two cents per kWh.

In November 1998, the first change order was adopted, increasing the size of the plant to 20 MW by the installation of two 5MW units and the addition of a 30-MW substation. Change order No. 2 was executed in November 1998 and implemented a more detailed procedure for submission and review of the drawings and technical specifications used in the performance of the work undertaken by Telesource. Change order No. 3 was adopted in May 2001 and extended the terms of the contract to 2020; and change order No. 4 was executed in April 2003, which authorized Telesource to use the plant as security for a loan with the Commercial Bank of Kuwait.

No casino application before holiday

Gov. Eloy S. Inos was expecting that an application could be filed yesterday, the eve of today's Good Friday holiday and with only a few days before Monday's deadline for any investor to turn in their application for an exclusive license to operate a casino on Saipan.

As of press time yesterday, press secretary Angel Demapan said the administration didn't receive any application.

"The application is probably not a big deal. It's the funds that would have to go through the banking system...that's why they have to allow 24 to 36 hours," Inos said in an interview at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library in Susupe.

The application has to be accompanied by a nonrefundable $1 million application fee.

Inos clarified that advising the government that an application will be filed by deadline is not enough.

"Money has to be in the account," he added.

House floor leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan), main author of the casino bill that became law and later amended, said he's hoping that investors would beat the April 21 deadline.

By May 5, a $30-million casino license has to be deposited in escrow representing the annual license fee for the first and fifth year.

Demapan said he's one of those who "voted" no to Saipan casino when it was last placed on the ballot.

"But at that time, the economy was good. Retirees' pensions were not cut. When I became a lawmaker, I saw the government's problem—a lack of funds to provide all services and needs of the people. With the 25-percent pension cut and higher cost of living, we needed to do something. That's why I introduced a Saipan casino bill," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said if nobody applies for a Saipan casino license by April 21, there are still options including amending the law.

The casino law itself allows the Lottery Commission to establish new application procedures in the event that a license is not issued within 90 days after the Act becomes law.

An investor granted a license to exclusively operate a casino on Saipan is required to build a hotel-resort with at least 2,000 rooms and an initial investment of $2 billion. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

Convicted policeman sentenced to 30 yrs. in Guam brothel case

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—A former police officer convicted of raping and intimidating women at a brothel in Guam has been sentenced to 30 years in prison.

David Manila was convicted last year of helping support a brothel hidden inside a karaoke lounge. Prosecutors said the women there had been enticed from Micronesia and forced into prostitution by Blue House owner Song Ja Cha, who was convicted in 2012 of federal crimes related to human trafficking and prostitution.

In September, a jury found that Manila and another officer, Anthony Quenga, helped to keep the women from fleeing by threatening to arrest them. The men were also found guilty of raping women at the brothel.

The *Pacific Daily News* reports that Manila was found guilty on 12 charges spanning 48 separate counts. Quenga, convicted on 14 charges comprising 74 counts, will be sentenced Friday.

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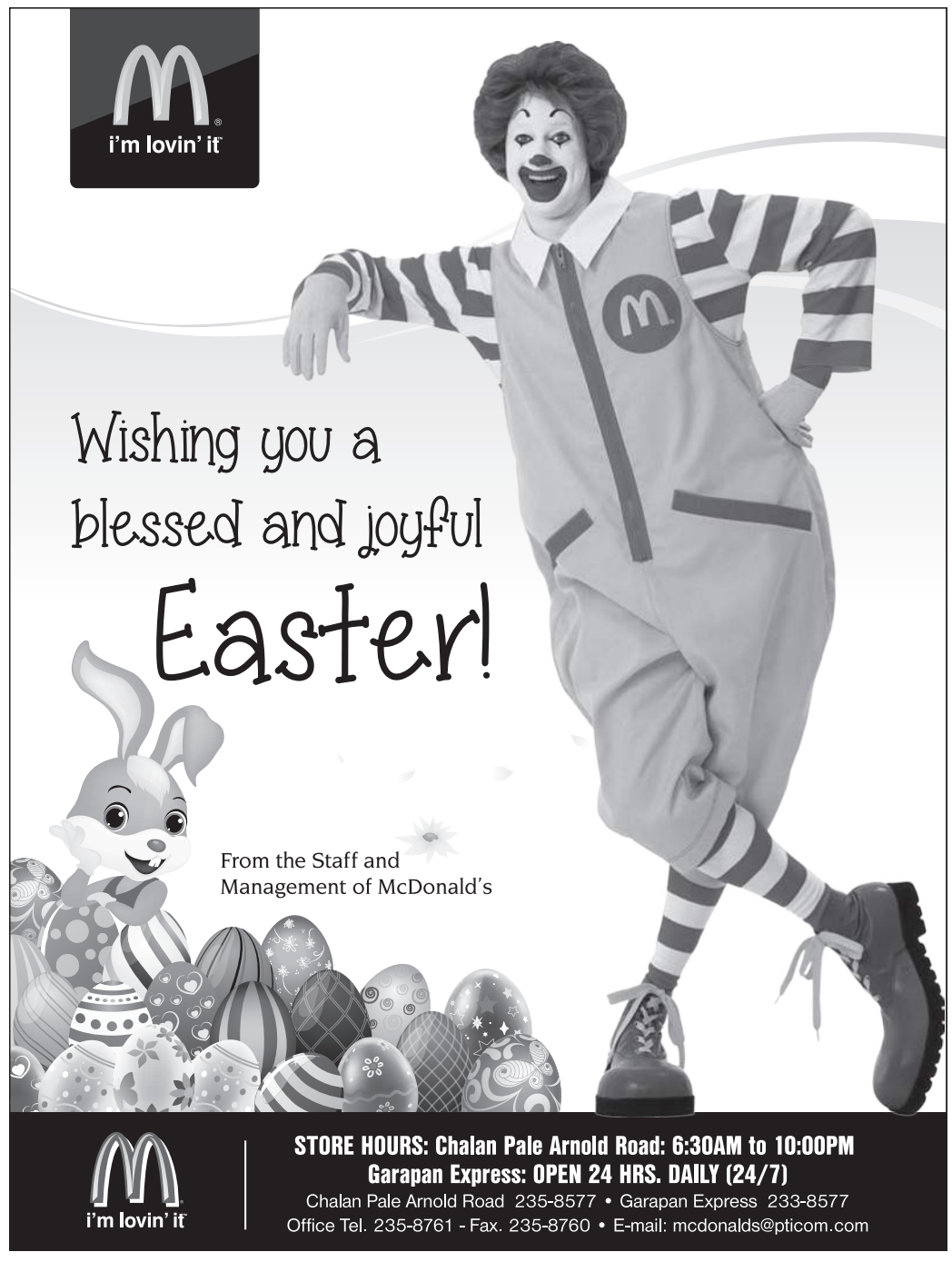
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and the organization's treasurer. Muña said she came onboard as interim CEO, along with Ada, only last year. She succeeded Juan N. Babauta, who ran the corporation since its inception in 2011.

Rios revealed that the payroll account bank reconciliation included fund transfers of $776,298 and disbursements of $10,315 that have cleared the bank that were not recorded in the general ledger.

Still on the payroll, Rios revealed that disbursements totaling $508,414 were made by the Department of Finance and recorded as a reduction of CHCC's cash account. Of that amount, $502,598 was used for payroll in October 2011, but the remaining disbursement of $5,816 could not be identified. For this specific finding, Rios disclosed that the independent auditor had recommended that CHCC investigate this.

Unsupported or unidentified transactions totaling $2,916 were also recorded in fiscal year 2012, as well as unrecorded fund transfers to the account and bank charges totaling $101,612 and $19,593 respectively that were not recorded in the ledger.

Additionally, $9,077 in unrecorded or unposted items were disclosed: $7,909 from credit card reimbursements; unposted collections of $400; and $1,568, others.

In the organization's savings account, the draft audit discovered that fund transfers to the general fund and payroll accounts totaling $6.6 million and $776,298 respectively, and fund transfer from the credit card account totaling $101,612, were not recorded.

Even daily collections and deposits from both Tinian and Rota clinics where unrecorded, including unidentified deposits of $1.1 million.

CHCC is now finalizing its response to the audit findings.

Huge receivables

Still based on the draft audit as read by Rios, CHCC recorded total receivables of $180.1 million and allowance for doubtful accounts of $180.1 million. It was disclosed yesterday by trustees that the auditor noted that receivables should be periodically assessed for validity and collectability. The adequacy of the "allowance for doubtful accounts" should also be assessed and collections efforts must be pursued.

Board vice chair Pete Dela Cruz questioned the "very high" amount allocated by the organization for "allowance for doubtful accounts."

"Why are we so generous in providing this huge number for 'allowance for doubtful accounts'?" he asked.

Rios revealed that based on the auditor's observation, it appears that receivables are not properly recorded and/or reconciled. A subledger of outstanding account balances is also not available and as a result, receivables recorded in the ledger for fiscal year 2012 are unsupported and possibly misstated.

Another concern that alarmed Rios was this portion of the auditor's note to CHCC: "Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about CHCC's financial position, results of operations and cash flows…"

At this point, board chair Joaquin Torres called to arrange a meeting with the auditor to seek more clarifications on this particular finding.

Potential case of fraud

Dela Cruz is convinced that once the audit for 2012 is fully completed, there's a need to call for a thorough investigation by the Office of the Public Auditor.

"[The way I look at these] there's criminality involved or bordering on criminality on this regard because you're doing deposits and not recording it. It's a red flag and there's probably fraud, embezzlement on this!" he told the board, adding that the board cannot simply ignore the "serious findings."

Board trustee Phillip Mendiola-Long, himself a financial expert, also expressed deep concerns about the findings, fearing that the same will hit the 2013 audit if deficiencies are not immediately addressed.

Mendiola-Long's biggest concern, he said, is the lack of reconciliation in the "cash" of the corporation.

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kWh. For users of 351 to 1,200 kWh a month, they will be charged $0.970 per kWh while customers using 1,200 kWh and above per month will be charged $0.1580 per kWh.

Because the Feb. 5 decision granted residential customers a refund pursuant to Public Law 16-7, a credit of $0.0230 per kWh will also take effect.

There will also be an infrastructure surcharge of $0.021 per kWh. This charge is intended to fund CUC's remaining obligations under its June 2012 agreement with Pacific Marine and Industrial Corp. This surcharge applies to all customer classes and will expire on Jan. 1, 2015.

CUC chief financial officer Charles Warren revealed that for CUC's median residential customers (using about 350 kWh/month), the new rates, coupled with the recent LEAC decrease, means an average monthly decrease of 11 percent, or $14.17. For customers at 1,000 kWh, the overall monthly cost will decline by 6 percent, or $24.29.

Meantime, CUC commercial customers will be assessed a non-fuel energy charge of $0.1130 per kWh, which is about $10 monthly impact. For government customers, the rate is $0.1240 per kWh, or $10 per month impact to customer charge.

The infrastructure surcharge of $0.021 per kWh will also apply to commercial and government customers of the utilities agency.

Warren explained yesterday the meaning of the new rates. "The $7 residential and $10 commercial monthly customer charges are fixed amounts billed each month to customers, regardless of usage. The residential credit and infrastructure surcharges are based on consumption and will vary month to month based on how many kWh's customers consume," Warren told *Saipan Tribune*.

Meantime, CPUC ordered for implementation starting on March 1, 2014, the municipal pumping service rate of $0.1070 per kWh—an impact of $9.06 per month. An infrastructure surcharge of $0.021 per kWh will also apply.

CUC's original request for rate changes was intended to raise about $5.9 million. The CPUC has approved to date only the base rate increase of $2.8 million and the non-rate fees of about $450,000—or $3.3 million.

Due to the delayed approval of its petitions, however, "CUC will realize only half of this revenue during the remainder of this fiscal year," Warren said.

Non-rate fees for electric

Besides the new base rates, a number of non-rate fees will also take effect, including a $40 check handling charge. Any check tendered in payment of a bill and returned by the bank for any non-payment reason shall be subject to that fee.

For disconnection notice, CUC is authorized to charge $15 upon production of notice and $95 will be imposed for installation of a prepaid meter at a location already serviced by a post-paid meter.

A charge of $135 will be imposed for the installation of a single phase meter at a new service location; while inspection service is set at $90.

For meter test in single phase, customers can request CUC to test their meter and an advanced $75 fee is required from the customer to cover the costs of the tests. This fee shall be returned to the customer if the meter is found, upon testing, to be registering usage outside of normal parameters.

For the meter test for three phases, a $110 fee is required and this will also be returned if the meter is found defective.

CUC is also authorized to charge a fee of $45 for disconnection at the meter for any reason. For reconnection at the meter for a commercial account, a fee of $60 will be assessed.

Non-rate fees for wastewater

On the wastewater side, a number of non-rate fees will also be enforced beginning April 17. These include an $80 wastewater tipping fee; a $100 charge for backflow device inspection fee; and $170 fee for FOG (fats, oils and greases) installation inspection fee.

The biannual inspection fee of all facilities with activities that involve use of FOGs is $60. Remediation fee, meantime, is set at $110.

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"acted weird."

Piano Poker is within close proximity to where Romero was last seen boarding a car that she reportedly mistook as a taxicab on that same early morning of Feb. 5, 2012.

Also yesterday, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) did not appear before the Superior Court despite a subpoena served on him by the Superior Court clerk of court at the request of defense attorney Janet H. King.

King subpoenaed Sablan to have him attend the trial yesterday at 1:30pm and produce documents related to a "congressional inquiry" into the investigation of Romero's murder.

Sablan, through U.S. House of Representatives general counsel Kerry W. Kircher, instead wrote yesterday to Judge Camacho to inform him that he filed in federal court a notice of removal of the subpoena and that he will not be appearing before the Superior Court.

Kircher also pointed out that Sablan has already voluntarily gave to both the prosecution and King the documents being sought by the subpoena.

In a statement, Sablan said he would never want to influence the jurors or the outcome of this trial in any way.

"Our community is in the middle of a very sad and serious trial. A young woman lost her life. And a young man has been accused of the crime. Six of our community members have been selected to listen to the facts and come to a verdict," Sablan said.

Regarding the subpoena, the delegate said that on April 4, 2014, at his request, the general counsel of the U.S. House of Representatives responded to an email from King.

Sablan said the general counsel informed King that he was willing to release communications between the congressional office and the FBI pertaining to the investigation of Romero's death.

He said it was appropriate that the FBI have time to agree, but the general counsel told King that the FBI had his permission to release the documents to her at her request.

Sablan said yesterday he released those documents to King and Attorney General Joey San Nicolas, and informed the FBI of the release. He said King and the AG can make these documents available to the press, if they choose.

Saying he does not want any mystery, Sablan disclosed that in April 2012 he asked his chief of staff, Bob Schwalback, to check with the FBI on its progress in analyzing evidence related to the Romero investigation.

"There were concerns in our community that this work was going too slowly. The FBI assured Mr. Schwalbach that there was no delay; and he left it at that. There were no further communications until Ms. King's request two weeks ago," Sablan said.

In Sablan's notice of removal filed in the U.S. District Court for the NMI, Kircher said the delegate removes the subpoena from the Superior Court, where it originally was filed, to the federal court.

The subpoena was issued on Wednesday and served on Sablan that same day.

Kircher said removal is appropriate under the statute since Sablan is being subpoenaed in his official capacity to provide testimony and documents related to acts or omissions under color of his federal office.

Kircher also cited, among other things, federal common law that bars the compelled testimony of high-ranking government officials except in extraordinary circumstances.

Kircher said with some exceptions, Rules 8 of the Rules of the House of Representatives which bars members and delegates from testifying, or producing records, about matters relating to the official House's functions, in response to a judicial subpoena.

Asked for comment about Sablan's non-appearance and filing of notice of removal, King said she subpoenaed Sablan to testify as a witness based on a "congressional inquiry" that he made with the FBI.

"My job is to defend an innocent man about his influence or the congressional inquiry influence on the investigation," King said.

King said it is her understanding that this congressional inquiry was issued in April 2012 to hasten the investigation.

"And that's very probative of the effect that it had on the Romero murder investigation. I just want to get more information about that," she said.

King said she is going to "defend the innocent man Crisostomo to the very end."

"If it includes my appearance in federal court, I will be there," she stressed.

Alice Kintaro testified yesterday that on Feb. 5, 2012, at about 1:30am, she was playing poker at Piano Poker when Albert Deleon Guerrero, along with Crisostomo's sister, Annie, and Annie's boyfriend, Cheyenne Sablan, went inside the establishment.

Kintaro said Deleon Guerrero told her that Crisostomo was outside and wanted to talk to her.

Kintaro stated that Crisostomo is her friend, who was introduced to her by her former boyfriend.

She said Crisostomo was inside a rental blue car that was parked in a dark area. Crisostomo reportedly asked to borrow her cellphone so she gave it to him.

In a police report filed by police detective Simon T. Manacop, when interviewed by a police sergeant, Kintaro reportedly disclosed that as she entered the car, Crisostomo asked her if she wanted to smoke methamphetamine or "ice."

Being uncomfortable with the location, Kintaro suggested to Crisostomo that they proceed to her house in Upper Miha. When they got there, she noticed that Crisostomo was acting "weird" so she asked him instead for some "ice" that she will smoke later.

Crisostomo then asked to borrow her cell phone and that she agreed to lend it to him.

At about 1:20am, Crisostomo dropped her back at Piano Poker. She went home at 1:40am.

In her testimony, Kintaro said that then Crisostomo called her at 6am that day and asked her to pick up Annie, Sablan, and Deleon Guerrero at Piano Poker as he was busy. Kintaro said she did that and dropped home Deleon Guerrero, Annie, and Sablan.

From there on, Kintaro kept calling Crisostomo on her cellphone to return her phone, to no avail. She got her cellphone back on Feb. 6, 2012, from Annie when they met at the Superior Court. Kintaro said she then noticed that the text messages had been deleted.

At the resumption of the trial yesterday afternoon, Judge Camacho expressed the need to visit the crime scenes to give the jurors a better perspective.

Interim chief prosecutor Brian Flaherty and assistant attorney general Margo Brown-Badawy and King agreed.

With escorts provided by court marshals and Department of Correction officers, Camacho led the jurors in touring the crime scene at La Fiesta Mall. The prosecutors also toured the scene with King and Crisostomo.

After La Fiesta, the parties proceeded to the streets in Garapan where Romero was last seen boarding a car. It was raining when the parties arrived.

The parties went back to Superior Court. Shortly after, Camacho excused the jurors and ordered them to return on Monday for the continuation of the trial.

FBI Guam Office electronics technician Brian Babin also took the witness stand yesterday for the government. He testified how they searched the Toyota Corolla with license plate ACG-246, a rental reportedly driven by Crisostomo.

Babin said he and FBI special agent Haejun Park and others searched the car for three hours and a half at DPS Boating Safety Section hangar on Feb. 9, 2012.

Babin disclosed that they obtained 17 pieces of evidence from the car. He explained how the search process was conducted.

Babin said he collected the metal door taken from La Fiesta Mall and helped package of it.

Tighter enforcement at Customs yields $3M added revenue

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Vigilance and proper enforcement of tax laws—not tax increases—resulted in the Customs Services Division's collection of at least $3 million in "additional" revenue for the CNMI government in just six months. Just recently, Customs discovered undeclared hard liquor from China, undervalued used cars shipped from Guam, and attempted smuggling into the CNMI of some other items.

» **Customs catching more attempted smuggling, undervalued imports**

Customs director Joe Mafnas, in an interview yesterday at the seaport, said the $3-million increase in customs collection was recorded in the first half of fiscal year 2014 compared to the first half of fiscal year 2013.

The first six months of fiscal year 2014 were from October 2013 to March 2014.

"We are collecting more, and we believe it's not because there's increase in import but because of increased enforcement, more aggressive inspections, and changes in the way things are done here," Mafnas told *Saipan Tribune*.

Sen. Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) said this is an example of how the government can realize more revenue just by "fully and properly enforcing tax laws" rather than increasing taxes or imposing new ones.

Manglona himself introduced Senate Bill 18-45 that seeks to have a permanent director for Finance's Division of Revenue and Taxation so that a person will take ownership and responsibility in enforcing the laws. The bill gives the governor flexibility in determining the Rev&Tax director's salary to entice applicants.

Customs' collection of additional $3 million in just half a year is a living example of how full and aggressive enforcement of laws helps realize more revenues for the government which, in turn, would go into providing more or better health, public safety, education, and other services.

"Right now, we are more aggressive in detecting commercial fraud such as undervalued items and smuggled items," Mafnas said.

Customs is one of the divisions under the Department of Finance.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce, the largest business organization in the CNMI, has also been asking the government to properly enforce laws, not only tax laws, rather than impose taxes.

$8M to $9M supplemental budget

Gov. Eloy S. Inos separately said yesterday that collections for the first half of 2014 were proving to be better than earlier projected.

Mafnas

This will result in the administration's submission "soon" to the Legislature of an $8 million to $9 million supplemental budget for fiscal year 2014.

Some $5 million of the supplemental budget will be used to complete the government's minimum $25 million payment into the retirement settlement trust fund for fiscal year 2014, while the rest will go to the government's payment of increased health insurance premiums.

The House Ways and Means Committee will also soon start holding hearings to tackle the governor's $134 million budget submission for fiscal year 2015.

Cars, liquor

Mafnas said a vigilant Customs personnel led to a recent enforcement of proper excise and beautification tax on two used cars shipped from Guam to Saipan.

"The cars were undervalued based on the declaration of the importer because these cars are still new. The Customs personnel checked on the Blue Book value and confirmed that they were undervalued. They were supposed to have higher value and therefore subject to higher tax than what the importer would have wanted," the Customs director said.

The importer brought in a year 2008 Toyota Scion and valued it at only $1,700. Also brought in was a 2009 Nissan Sentra that the importer declared for a value of $1,900.

"The Blue Book places the value of the Toyota Scion at $6,000, and the Nissan Sentra at $6,600. But the importer reasoned that the cars kind of got into the water so they're not in good condition but when asked how he's going to bring the cars from the seaport to his buy-and-sell shop, he said he's going to drive them so that means they are in working condition. They were assessed the proper tax," he said.

Customs also detected some weeks ago 15 cases of hard liquor from China that were relabeled as "cooking wine" so that they would be assessed a lower tax rate. Customs assessed the proper tax on the imported items.

Just this Wednesday, Customs also confiscated some 40 pieces of counterfeit Burberry, Coach, and Lacoste women's wallets and purses shipped from the Philippines. The importer was fined $500, which was immediately paid. Customs will be destroying the counterfeit items, which would have raked in $14,100 if they were sold as genuine products.

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The Department of Community and Cultural Affair held a two-day workshop to present action plans, accomplishments, and outreach at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret on April 15 and 16.

DCCA organizes 2-day workshop for all personnel

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs held a two-day workshop for all 10 of its divisions last April 15 and 16 at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

The workshop was held for two days to accommodate the more than 100 employees of the CNMI's largest government department.

The event organizers were Nutrition Assistance Program administrator Walter Macaranas and administrative officer Marian Tudela.

The professional development workshop focused on all division's action plans, programs, and outreach for this year.

The Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc. was also a part of the program, with Tom Thornburgh and Greg Borja serving as coordinators of both physical and mental activities for DCCA staff.

DCCA Secretary Laura T. Ogumoro, who took the podium to share some insights, said it has been over a year since she took over her post and has had the privilege of working with staff that know their programs very well and possess the knowledge and expertise to move the programs forward.

"In moving programs forward, we need to be skilled and knowledgeable about our field of work to successfully implement programs and services and we need to practice 'teamwork' as a workforce in order to accomplish our goals," Ogumoro said.

According to her, the workshop was held in order for staff to learn about the 2014-2015 action plans by each division and section within DCCA and enable them to learn about their accomplishments, challenges, and upcoming plans. It was also meant to engage the divisions in team-building activities that would help build understanding of the importance of a "unified and cohesive workforce."

The divisions under DCCA are: Chamorro/Carolinian Language Policy Commission, Child Care Development Fund, Child Care Licensing Program, Commonwealth Council for Arts & Culture, Division of Youth Services, Historic Preservation Office, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Nutrition Assistance Program, Office of the Secretary of DCCA, and Office on Aging. ***(Jayson Camacho)***

Wrong mail address leads to alleged fraudulent use of ATM card

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A woman has been indicted in federal court for allegedly using another person's Automated Teller Machine card 46 times to fraudulently withdraw $2,300 from the real owner's personal savings account at Bank of Guam.

The indictment charged Esperanza E. Ellis with bank fraud.

At her initial appearance hearing on Monday, Ellis, through counsel Bruce Berline, pleaded not guilty.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy set the jury trial for June 23, 2014.

Assistant U.S. attorney Ross Naughton stated that the U.S. government would not be asking for the continued detention of Ellis.

Kennedy ordered that Ellis be released on her own personal recognizance with some conditions.

The judge unsealed the case.

According to the indictment, a person by the initials S.M., residing on Saipan, held a personal savings account at Bank of Guam.

On June 29, 2012, while filling out paperwork to update her account information at the bank, S.M. inadvertently wrote down her Saipan mailing address as P.O. Box. 504858.

As a result of writing the incorrect mailing address, S.M.'s mailing address for Bank of Guam purposes became P.O. Box 504858.

A new BOG ATM payment card in S.M.'s name was mailed to S.M. at P.O. Box 504858. Around the same time, a new personal identification number, corresponding to S.M.'s new ATM card, was mailed to S.M. at P.O. Box 504858.

S.M. received neither the new ATM card nor the new PIN, because she did not have access to P.O. Box 504858.

P.O. Box 504858 was registered to Ellis, according to the indictment.

Beginning July 15, 2012 until Sept. 19, 2012, used S.M.'s ATM card and PIN 46 times to fraudulently withdraw funds approximately $2,300 from S.M.'s savings account at BOG.

The indictment did not mention how authorities discovered the fraud.

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Library Council members, Gov. Eloy Inos, volunteers, Reps. Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan), and Edmund Villagomez (C-Saipan), JKPL technical services librarian Rosalyn Ajoste, and JKPL executive director John Gonzales pose a photo after the ceremony.

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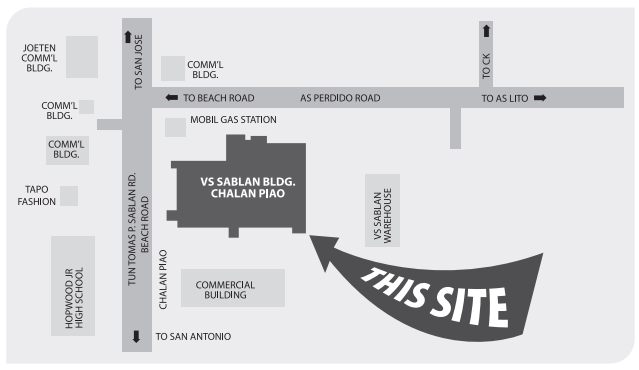

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JKPL recognizes over 30 staff and volunteers

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From left, a volunteer, Library Council treasurer Soledad Tenorio, and Library Council chair Mark Rabauliman show how much they love the library.

The Joeten Kiyu Public Library held a special recognition ceremony yesterday morning for 14 of its staff and more than 30 volunteers to recognize their dedication and hard work that enables the library to provide its many services to the public.

Government officials led by Gov. Eloy S. Inos, volunteers, parents, staff, and members of the CNMI Library Council attended the ceremony.

JKPL executive director John Gonzales said it was a great opportunity for the library to recognize their hardworking staff and volunteers and to show that the state library also has programs coming up for the community.

JKPL technical services librarian Rosalyn Ajoste said she is happy that the ceremony was held to acknowledge the efforts of their staff and volunteers.

Volunteer Elaine Ermitanio, 18, and a senior at Marianas High School, said it was an honor to be recognized.

"I've been volunteering for the library since November last year and I feel good that they recognized us," Ermitanio said. She is also under the Americorps Program and a member of the MHS National Honor Society.

Another MHS senior, Amery Madeloso, said she has been volunteering every Saturday since 2012 and is happy to know that the library can see her hard work. The 18-year-old is also under the Americorps Program and is a member of the MHS Cheerleading Squad and MHS Filipino Club.

JKPL library assistant Victoria Cabrera said she felt great to have her hard work appreciated and acknowledged. She has been working at the library for five years now.

JKPL Bookmobile Outreach assistant Xerxes Mangarero, who has been working for the library for three years, said he is happy that he gets to work with kids under the Bookmobile program.

"We came here today to show our appreciation for our partners, staff, and most especially the volunteers who come in and help patrons," said Library Council chair Mark Rabauliman said.

Other government officials that attended were Reps. Richard Seman (R-Saipan), Chris Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan), Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), Larry Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), and Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan), and press secretary Angel Demapan. ***(Jayson Camacho)***

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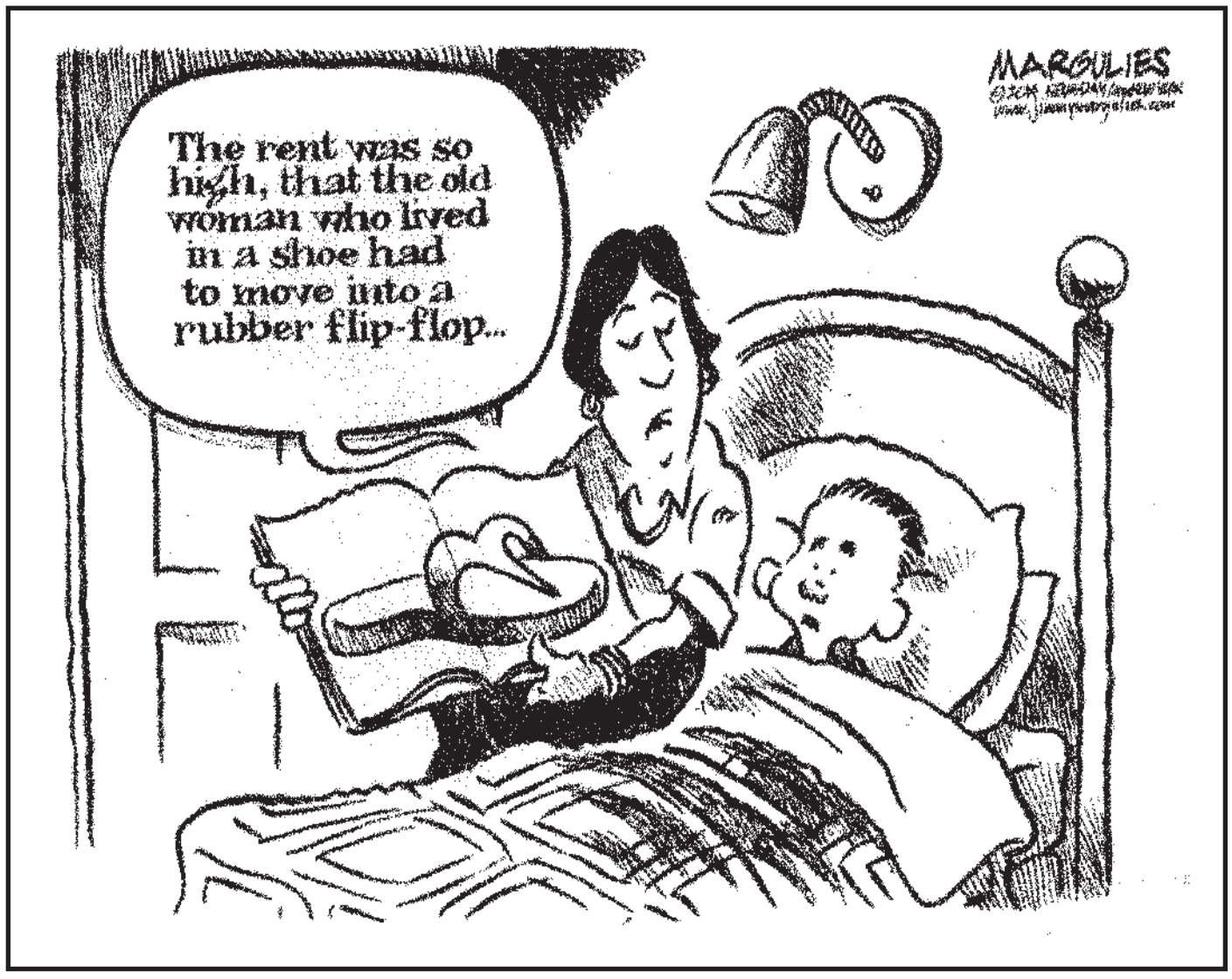

EDITORIAL

A push for e-mail privacy

The following editorial appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer *on Sunday, April 13:*

After a litany of startling revelations about the National Security Agency's bulk collection of e-mail and more, most Americans will be surprised that their electronic communications are in some ways more vulnerable to snooping by garden-variety government officials. A woefully outdated law allows agencies ranging from local district attorneys' offices to the IRS to pore over the contents of e-mails without seeking court approval.

The law governing e-mail access dates back to the primordial age of the technology, in 1986, when the few who used it had to download messages onto their gigantic home or office computers. While that made the legislation forward-looking in the era of neon and leg warmers, lawmakers could not have anticipated e-mail's evolution into a ubiquitous form of interpersonal communication largely stored by third parties such as Google and Microsoft. So the law leaves e-mail kept by providers for more than 180 days—unusual then but standard today—subject to searches without a warrant. That means law enforcement and regulatory agencies can subpoena e-mail from providers without demonstrating probable cause to a judge or notifying users.

Some major agencies and e-mail providers have said their policy is to require a warrant for such searches anyway. But the Securities and Exchange Commission is actively opposing efforts to prevent warrantless access. And it's difficult to know how often state and local authorities take advantage of weak e-mail protections.

Fortunately, in spite of the SEC's rearguard campaign, a bill that would bring e-mail privacy into the 21st century is gaining momentum in the House. With a broad coalition of supporters ranging from the American Civil Liberties Union to Americans for Tax Reform, the Email Privacy Act has 200 co-sponsors from both sides of the aisle.

Congress and President Obama have failed to balance Americans' privacy rights with the national security imperatives said to be served by the NSA's dragnet. Protecting e-mail from unwarranted searches by civil and criminal authorities should be easy by comparison. Acid-washed jeans may have made an unlikely comeback, but this legal artifact of the '80s should be consigned to history.

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Pakyaw

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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I have no intention of being disrespectful. Today is a solemn day in Christendom. It holds a very profound understanding of human existence in that it named the ultimate humiliation of Christendom's mystical hero Jesus in the recalled day of the crucifixion as "Good Friday." I never understood the goodness in this day as a Pollyannaish *Protestante* used to the genre of happy endings. But there it is in the Gregorian calendar every year: Good Friday!

Yesterday was Maundy Thursday. In the royal practice of England it is the day that the sovereign finds him/herself mandated to distribute money to the realm, most particularly to those in need. *Mande* from *mandate* is also the source for the word "commandment," and in the retelling of the Holy Week story this is when a "new commandment" was given, to wit: *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."*

Jesus was a Jew and was addressed as a rabbi in the synagogue. The old commandment of loving YHWH (That which is Is/I am who I am) with all of one's heart and soul would have been understood not in the theistic notion of today as it is loving "the way life is" with one's all. Thus, loving one's neighbor is not about being nice and amiable to others but to love one another "as I have loved you." That's what Friday is "good" about, loving life and one's neighbor just the way they are, even if one has to decide to give one's all, like the Nazarene carpenter did in deciding to pay for his choice of confronting the powers-that-be as "hypocrites and snakes"—unto death!

"Pakyaw" in our title is wholesale price, also cheap basement level value, in Filipino. It is pronounced the same way as Manny Pacquiao's name, the name of a Philippine congressman, the 35-year-old guy known globally as the PacMan and X-man among pugilists. He just won his last fight this week against Timothy Bradley Jr. who took his welterweight division title in a decision previously. The world of boxing sports also saw a KO boxer evolve into a savvy one as the punch of his noted left jab had evidently lost its previous POW, and though he might have wanted to deliver his lethal signature cuff, the prizefighter settled for points!

The PacMan started cheap. His improvident father abandoned him when he was young. Manny took a boat from Mindanao to Manila to get started in his chosen career. He has been extraordinary in it.

In my childhood playground in Aparri, Cagayan, I was not a party to the hysteria that preceded and followed boxing events. I grew up to disdain any form of fighting, a lasting influence of my almost pacifist pastor father who, true to his Lord, would not hesitate to let truth speak to power but would not wish them actual physical harm.

I lost my cool once. George was an Amerasian I played with, a WWII souvenir from a GI who might have wandered from barracks, a full foot taller than I but he decided to needle me one day while I was losing at a rubber band game in the sand (Aparri is nothing but a sandbar at the mouth of the Cagayan River). Frustrated and fed up, I grabbed one of his arms, twisted my body so I got his arm over my shoulder and gave him a classic jujitsu hip throw. He landed on his back and broke an arm.

I never showed up in the playground again, but each time I met George in town, as we tended to avoid each other and walk on separate sides of the road, I noted a grudging smile on his face as if to say, "There's the runt that reminded me I was no superman," and I, in my thoughts, was determined never again to act from the base of anger.

Boxing encourages anger and rage, and though I was a crack shot with the Enfield at ROTC, I had not handled a gun since I was 20. I developed a low threshold for pain on others. Still, it came as an oxymoron to read of Pacquaio as a gentleman boxer; he was known to walk over to the guy he just knocked out, and asked with a tone of authenticity, "Are you OK?"

Robertson Work is an old colleague in Hong Kong and Jamaica when we were both pilgrims in a corporate Journey to the Center. He took his passion to the United Nations where he retired and this March, gave a presentation on the "Four Faces of War and Peace" at Oklahoma City U. He said: **"**Violent, harmful systems are manifestations of collective greed, fear, anger, hatred or pride including exorbitant wealth accumulation, militarism, armed conflict, maintaining armed forces, the armaments industry, nuclear proliferation, capital punishment, the extraction/selling/burning of fossil fuels, plutocracy, and systemic poverty, injustice and inequality." He was describing the current state of our human psychophysical economy, our society.

Good Friday is a reminder that what Rob Work describes is exactly the way life is in my time that I am called to love, specifically all the neighbors in it, and that includes the 1 percent in the American economy that seem to have a stranglehold on the ownership papers of this planet. Of course, they will be wise not to test my jujitsu moves!

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A harmonious path

By ED STEPHENS
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In order to make any progress in anything we usually have to get the cooperation of other people. One line of reasoning, one that I don't subscribe to, is that in order to get cooperation we need to persuade, and in order to persuade, we need to argue.

In modern times, stoked by the addiction to all-encompassing media, arguments and debates seem to dominate the entire tone of life. The world wants to beat a path to your brain, a path that is trying to convince you of something. It would be easy for someone to conclude that winning arguments is the sanctioned method of addressing all of life's situations.

As for me, I've never seen anyone win an argument in normal life. By "normal life" I mean outside of a court of law, or a media showcase, or other niches.

Here in normal, everyday life, an argument strikes me as the equivalent of a bar fight: Even if someone prevails, they'd have been better off avoiding the contention in the first place.

One of the most valuable things I learned from Saipan's business climate was the art of shutting up. I'd sit in on "East meets West" negotiations where the West would use a barrage of points to prove that they were "right." It's a hollow victory to win such arguments and come away with no business to show for it, but it's surprisingly common.

Some of these deals were probably doomed from the beginning, of course, so what was said, and how, and why, probably didn't ultimately matter. But in a few cases, yikes, being rhetorically "right" probably snuffed some promising projects right there in the meeting room.

Stepping back from the negotiating table, and taking a broader look at things, I'll offer this take based on my experience in management: If you want a certain behavior from people, then figure out what they already want to do. Then present them with a way to do it.

This is a lot more effective than trying to change their minds about what they want in the first place, or trying to convince them of something that just isn't sticking.

The ancient sages have weighed into the gig, and, for those of us disinclined to argue, I'll offer this 2,500 year old wisdom from the Tao Te Ching: "Those who are good do not debate. Those who debate are not good."

My favorite example of this gig comes from a trip to a university campus. The university had built up a new area. The buildings were put up. The landscaping was installed. The sidewalks were laid out. This was a high-dollar affair, funded by an influential benefactor that the university wanted to impress.

The new area was very beautiful. Well, for a few months, at least. At this point the students' foot traffic had cut paths in the grass and landscaping. It rained a lot in that area, which made the situation worse. It looked like muddy trenches from a WWI reenactment or something.

Arguments were made. Ropes were put up. Signs went up. Warnings were posted. In summary, they made an eyesore to prevent an eyesore. For all of their authority, however, the administrators could not get the students to stop stomping their routes into the grass.

A wise professor, having surveyed the scene, told me this solution should a similar situation ever present itself again: Hold off on building the sidewalks for a semester, and then pave the paths that the students made.

In other words, don't tell the people to walk the path you paved. Instead, pave the path the people walked. No talking necessary. No arguing needed. The students and the administration would be working in concert with each other, not against each other.

The professor, being a wily old survivor, knew the temperament of the university's administration. So he dared not risk its ire by expressing his idea in public.

Still, all was not lost. He could see the scene from his office window. He told me he'd often use it as a reminder of how following a harmonious path can accomplish things that arguing will never be able to do.

Troubling political matrix

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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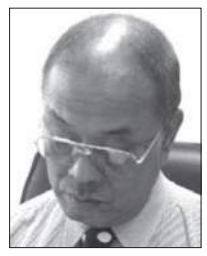

The GOP has alienated the candidacy of Juan N. Babauta by sticking to an earlier endorsement of the IT tandem. It was hoping he fades into history. He didn't. In fact, he came roaring back chiming, "Surprise, surprise, surprise!" An inclusive posture would have resolved the issue amicably. Non-inclusion springs into a heavy wedge issue toying with brinkmanship.

Such move instantly turns "amicably" into big time disarrangement of the word "unity." Wow!

JNB decided to leave the pasture, flinging wide open the gate as his flock paraded right behind him. The other bull is deep in the jungle watching the exodus of his nemesis and flock.

Is this a plus for the incumbent or more of a likely demise? Or is it even a plus for the BT tandem? You do the math; it's easy to discern the consequential devastation of a divided GOP. It's a troubling matrix in political calculations.

You quiz what's JNB's single most vital accomplishment while he was in charge. His famous and misguided chime, "The economy is pretty darn good" is about the only memorable relic that became fodder for comedy or mouthwash everywhere. That poor performance record doesn't light up the dark tunnel of revenues heading Deep South today. We've devolved from $256 million annually to $140 million today. Fitial and Inos did nothing but push bankruptcy further south.

The economy started crashing under Babauta's term, a derailment impeached ex-governor Benigno Fitial and elevated (not elected) Gov. Eulogio Inos have refined into complete insolvency. Said a frustrated villager, "Anything other than rock bottom is better." It seems a representative view everywhere.

Thus, the GOP must contend with dangerously swaying pillars at the base. Crowding itself with "has-been" candidates for other offices isn't helping any. Admirable though the BT position against the Cash-It-Now (casino) law. It shows its belief in the normal democratic process. The other gubernatorial tandems must necessarily deal with contentious issues as the barometric needle inches upwards.

The Quad: Inos, Hofschneider, Babauta, and Deleon Guerrero must be asked to name a single major accomplishment undertaken on an individual basis that has in fact moved the quality of life for the multitude. The election process should be a matter of choice and not the forum to replay the same tired echo of exhausted rhetoric. The grand negligence has crash-landed most households in misery land today.

Is NMI brain dead?

When you're equipped with a sense of humility (spiritual wellbeing), it's hard venturing head strong into the nether lands of issues that are perfect recipes for the destruction of your people. But there's one prominent issue of destruction already placed against our voice.

A sense of responsibility forces one to pace the issue, weigh it, analyze and re-analyze it once more in consultation with real experts, including listening to the sentiments of the very people you represent. This exercise allows you to draw your own "educated" view on any and all issues of substance.

Aren't policymakers capable of conceptualizing major policy matters so they understand with clarity the unintended consequences of quick fixes? Is it hard reflecting that through your shortsighted imposition you've literally driven everything into the ditch of bankruptcy? It's called "unintended consequences," people! It's a humiliating display of shortsightedness!

You've also failed our people with their power bills given your obvious lack of vision to institute policy decisions that would begin the process of placing a definitive policy on alternative energy. You only wanted Alan Fletcher's head, ignoring that your head should equally be placed on the same plate for public scrutiny and disposition. As though disruptive interference isn't sufficient, you again wanted to toy with CPUC's purview? Half-cocked policies are just that—half-cocked!

Essence of mindfulness

You sought for their vote of confidence a year ago. You were handed that trust to work the clock to improve their lot. Did you do "due diligence" on this score?

Did it ever occur to you why the people took the casino issue from you (the Legislature) and shot it down twice in a referendum? With filthy arrogance you tiptoed and approve it by excluding their rights of participation.

By what right did you engage in the perversion of the democratic process? Isn't the community you represent endowed with fully poised members who understand, far and wide, the evil side of the casino industry? Is the shortsighted policy that ruins economic opportunities for Tinian and Rota the crown jewel of your obvious lack of perception and clarity on a matter with far-reaching effects?

Banner stories abound of policymakers succumbing to the whimsical interests of ghostly investors in Hong Kong and China. What about the long-term interest of the people you represent in our governmental institutions? Isn't this an issue that calls for resolute mindfulness?

Planning our future

The Saipan casino law requires a thorough and resolute planning process. For instance, how do we strike a balance accommodating the proposed 2,000-room hotel (requiring a huge piece of public land) versus the need of over 5,000 Saipan residential homestead applicants? Must the need of the latter be placed on the back burner to make way for casino?

Shouldn't this casino include collateral issues such as expansion of the international airport and seaport, earmarking millions of dollars for water, power, sewer, and roads to prepare the venue? How does this plan affect health, education and public safety, and the wellbeing of our community? Appalling the new forte of "shoot first, ask questions later." Haven't done due diligence, have we folks?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No credibility

Mr. Ambrose Bennett is a regular writer in both local newspapers and amazingly he professes to be an expert on a myriad of issues that besets the CNMI and claims that nobody listens to his prophecies that more often than not come true. I guess Ambrose has already fallen in love with himself or was under the influence (recreational herb or soju) while narrating his written materials.

I have strong reservations when a person is passionately against a casino operation on Saipan, which is the CNMI caretaker and provider of lifeblood to Rota, Tinian, and the Northern islands. Mr. Bennett espouses about the moral rights and legitimacy of the Tinian Dynasty but demands full transparency, a dissertational research on casino feasibility for Saipan, complete analysis of projected revenues to be realized, and just about everything one can imagine to make the gauntlet an impossible process.

While Mr. Bennett and his few followers condemn casino operation on Saipan, the CNMI government is saddled with huge financial obligations and the public is clamoring for help from their government to provide relief from their financial sufferings from the high cost of living, reduction in pension income, rising cost of gasoline, water, power, groceries, healthcare insurance premiums, home repair, school tuition, school supplies, medical referral patient copay, and the list goes on. Ambrose Bennett's weekly diatribe does very little to offer something of substance in terms of solutions but more so for the purpose of patting himself in the back and repeats his, "I told you so" for personal aggrandizement.

The guy just won't let go of his fairy dream of a ferry service for the CNMI. This idea is already on the planning table and being studied but Ambrose somehow keeps harping that it was his idea from the beginning and if he has his own way may pursue to have a patent for it.

Lastly, I have little confidence that Mr. Ambrose Bennett's crusade against Saipan casino operation is genuine. He spouts under false pretenses and he gets paid to do an ad, that's all. He has a personal interest as much as his love for marijuana and its legalization. These, I believe, are self-incriminating contradictions. I question his sincerity as well as his credibility.

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Kagman, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲85° ▼77°	▲85° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼79
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲81	▼78
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲82	▼79
Pohnpei	Showers	▲83	▼79
Kosrae	Showers	▲83	▼79
Majuro	Showers	▲83	▼79

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲70	▼62
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲73	▼54
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲77	▼70
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼72
London	Mostly Sunny	▲57	▼38
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲74	▼57
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲92	▼79
Melbourne	Showers	▲63	▼50
Miami	Thundershowers	▲82	▼74
New York	Sunny	▲51	▼37
Osaka	Showers	▲64	▼46
Paris	Cloudy	▲58	▼39
Pusan	Showers	▲60	▼52
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲70	▼54
Salem	Rain	▲54	▼42
San Francisco	Sunny	▲64	▼51
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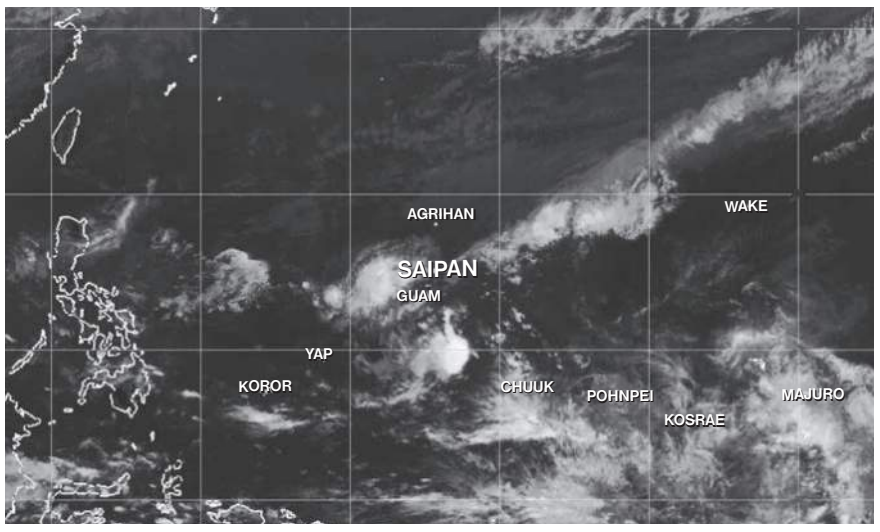
Tokyo	Showers	▲59	▼49
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲57	▼39

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front extends southwestward from 25N171E to 20N160E then continues as a shear line across the CNMI between Tinian and Rota to beyond 130E at 12N. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are present up to 150 miles northwest of the cold front and farther west along the shear line west of a line from 19N160E to 15N150E and from 14N145E to 12N140E. Scattered showers are found elsewhere along and up to 200 miles north of the shear line from 13N139E to 12N130E. A near-equatorial trough curves eastward from 8N130E through a circulation centered southeast of Guam at 10N149E then continues southeast south of Pohnpei and across Kosrae to end at EQ171E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found south of Koror within 40 miles of a line from 6N133E to 5N137E southeast of Guam near the circulation between 8N and 12N from 144E to 149E and south of Pohnpei and Chuuk between the equator and 7N from 151E to 160E. Low-level convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms around Majuro, Jaluit, Butaritari and Tarawa between the equator and 8N from 168E to 179E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

4:40 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.9 Feet
9:55 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
4:59 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.2 Feet
11:42 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:01 AM	6:32 PM
Saturday	6:01 AM	6:32 PM
Sunday	6:00 AM	6:32 PM
Monday	5:59 AM	6:32 PM
Tuesday	5:59 AM	6:33 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	9:19 PM	8:08 AM
Saturday	10:16 PM	9:02 AM
Sunday	11:13 PM	9:59 AM
Monday		10:58 AM
Tuesday	12:08 AM	11:58 AM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	6:55pm	8:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA5038	7:45pm	8:35pm	2, 6
UA5078	8:10pm	9:00pm	3

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	5:35pm	6:10pm	2, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	6:40pm	7:15pm	2, 6

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:45am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:30pm	7:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11: 05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	10:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5078/179	3:10pm	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5038	5:35pm	7:15pm	2, 6 via Rota
UA5077	6:50pm	7:40pm	3

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	6:55pm	7:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	8:00pm	8:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	7:20pm	3:00am+1	4, 7

GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

DL172/288	7:45am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5039	9:55am	6:25pm	7 via Guam
UA190/5038	9:55am	7:15pm	6 via Rota-Guam
UA190/5077	9:55am	7:40pm	3 via Guam
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via Guam
UA184/5038	10:25pm	7:15pm+1	1 via Rota-Guam
UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via Guam
UA184/5038	11:30pm	7:15pm+1	5 via Rota-Guam

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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FRUITFUL DIALOGUE

On Wednesday, April 16, Maj. Gen. Juan G. Ayala, USMC, stopped on Tinian to discuss military and civilian development issues with the Mayor of Tinian, Ramon Dela Cruz. Landing at the North Field National Historic Landmark with the general were Sgt. Maj. John P. Ploskonka, Col. P. J. Zimmerman, and Capt. Halligan. Ayala is currently the commanding officer of Marine Corps Installations Command. When the general asked about the recent MarForPac "ad hoc" meetings, Dela Cruz commended Craig Whelden, executive director of MarForPac, for creating dialogues that are leading to fruitful results. The general and the mayor agreed that over the next two years the military and the local government must create a win-win situation, which will be mutually beneficial to both civilian and military long-term goals. The military development of the northern two-thirds of Tinian must be balanced by the successful private economic development of the southern one-third.

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HSC-25 rescues 2 missing hikers

ASAN, Guam—Sailors from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25, in partnership with Government of Guam agencies, successfully rescued two hikers in the jungles of Yona, Guam, on April 17.

HSC-25 received a request from U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam April 16 at 10:16pm for aerial support in search of the hikers, a mother and daughter, within the vicinity of Tarzan Falls.

A Navy MH-60S helicopter from HSC-25 arrived on the scene at 10:46pm to begin search efforts.

At 8:50am on April 17, a Navy MH-60S helicopter was launched from Andersen Air Force Base. The crew flew approximately 18 miles to the reported area, recovered the individuals, and transported them to U.S. Naval Hospital Guam for treatment.

"The successful rescue today is a perfect example of the strong partnership between the Navy and Government of Guam agencies" said Rear Adm. Tilghman Payne, commander, Joint Region Marianas. "The close coordination between homeland security, Guam Fire Department and HSC-25 played an integral part in finding the hikers and bringing about a happy ending for all."

The incident was the 11th search-and-rescue executed by HSC-25 personnel this year.

"HSC-25 continually trains our pilots and crews to handle any situation, any time day or night, whether on the water or on land," said HSC-25 commanding officer Cmdr. Gregory Leland. "This rescue is a direct result of the skills our crews develop during combat training for deployed missions in and around the region, and put to use saving lives right here on Guam."

HSC-25 is the Navy's only forward-deployed MH-60S expeditionary squadron. As a part of Helicopter Sea Combat Wing Pacific, it provides an armed helicopter capability for U.S. 7th Fleet in support of logistics, search and rescue and humanitarian assistance missions.

The command is also the only squadron that maintains a 24-hour search-and-rescue and medical evacuation alert posture, directly supporting the U.S. Coast Guard and Joint Region Marianas. ***(Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office)***

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

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Happy birthday to Sheena F. Maratita! We hope that your birthday involves a cool day and hot night. May God continue to bless you always. Lots of love, your Maraflo family.

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Happy birthday Nina! I love you so much and I wish a very good birthday. Thank you for always being there for us! Greetings come from your godson, Zayden Darren Camacho Nekaifes, and family.

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Free health screening on Easter Sunday

The US Pinoys for Good Governance Marianas chapter, in collaboration with the San Jose Parish church and Rev. Father Rey Rosal, will be hosting a free health screening on April 20, Easter Sunday, from 7:30am to 11am, at the San Jose Parish Social Hall. The free health screening includes blood pressure measurements, blood sugar tests, weight, height, and body mass index determinations. Those who would like to avail the blood sugar tests should refrain from eating and drinking liquids preferably 12 hours prior or at least 2 hours prior to the actual testing. ***(USP4GG)***

JKPL sets book sale, rummage sale tomorrow

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library will hold a Book Sale and Rummage Sale tomorrow, April 19, 2014, from 7am to 12pm. Make extra cash by selling unwanted or unused items. Lots are at $25 for a 10x10 space and $50 for a 10x20 space. Spaces are limited so stop by the library and reserve one today. Fore more information, contact Celina C. Foreman (JKPL outreach coordinator) at 235-7315 or drop by the library. ***(PR)***

Transfer Station, Marpi Landfill closed today

In observance of Good Friday today, April 18, 2014, the Lower Base Transfer Station and the Marpi Landfill will be closed all day. Regular schedule will resume on Saturday, April 19, 2014, from 7:30am to 11:30am, and 12:30pm to 4pm. Happy Easter Sunday! ***(PR)***

31st Annual Islandwide Cleanup on April 25

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality's **31st Annual Islandwide Cleanup** for Environmental Awareness Month will be held Friday, April **25,** from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. To have your office or organization sign up for this event, contact BECQ at 664-8500 or email the event coordinators Edward Dela Cruz at edwarddelacruz@deq.gov.mp or Tom Pangelinan at tompangelinan@deq.gov.mp for a registration forms. ***(BECQ)***

New info on Marines relocation projects

PEARL HARBOR—New information regarding proposed projects in support of the military relocation to Guam is now available on the Cultural Information website at http://go.usa.gov/kZWG.

Comments on the assessment of effect within the specific project footprint will be accepted for 45 calendar days after the project is posted. The comment deadline for assessments of effects for the Utilities and Site Improvement Mass Grub and Grade, Phases 1 and 2 (PA Memo #1) is June 2, 2014 (Chamorro Standard Time).

Those without internet access may obtain a hard copy from the Guam Historic Resources Division, located at 490 Chalan Palasyo, Agana Heights, 96910 (in the Department of Parks and Recreation Office). ***(USN)***

PH Consulate to hold outreach on Tinian, Saipan

The Philippine Consulate General in Agana, Guam, in cooperation with the United Filipinos Association on Tinian, will conduct mobile consular services on Tinian, from May 9 to 10, 2014, at the Tinian Room of the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino.

The consulate will also conduct similar mobile consular services on Saipan, this time with the help of the United Filipino Organizations, from May 12 to 15, 2014, at the Daidai Social Hall of the Mount Carmel Cathedral. ***(PR)***

Notice to Saipan Marathon runners

All runners in the Saipan Marathon are reminded to pick up their race packet information and bibs on Friday, April 18, from 4pm to 6pm at the American Memorial Park amphitheater. Registration will not be accepted. ***(PR)***

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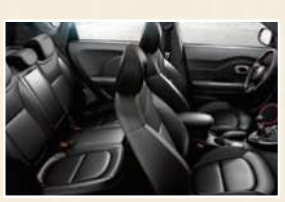

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Search for overboard crewmember suspended

HONOLULU—The Coast Guard suspended the search Wednesday for a Japanese crewmember reported overboard from the container ship *Hercules Highway*, approximately 805 miles northeast of Oahu.

Watchstanders at the Coast Guard Joint Rescue Coordination Center were notified at approximately 8:23am, Monday regarding the 23-year-old male who was reported overboard from the container ship Hercules Highway.

The crewmember was last seen at approximately 7pm, Sunday.

As part of the AMVER program, the motor vessels *St. Andrews*, *Anne Gret* and the UACC *Masafi* assisted the *Hercules Highway* in the search for the crewmember.

AMVER, sponsored by the Coast Guard, is a unique, computer-based, and voluntary global ship reporting system used worldwide by search and rescue authorities to arrange for assistance to persons in distress at sea. With AMVER, rescue coordinators can identify participating ships in the area of distress and divert the best-suited ship or ships to respond.

Approximately 2,255 square miles were searched.

The Coast Guard regularly coordinates with DoD, commercial vessels that are part of the AMVER program, and international partners to conduct searches in the Pacific where extreme distances often limit the resources immediately available to respond.

The 14th Coast Guard District area of responsibility encompasses more than 12.2 million square miles of the Central and South Pacific. ***(USCG)***

COMMUNITY

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Red Cross health and safety trainings

The American Red Cross is scheduled to conduct Preparedness Health & Safety training on the following dates:

■ Tues., April 22, at 6pm: Infant & Child First Aid/CPR/AED (second session continues Wednesday)

■ Tues., April 22, at 6pm: Infant & Child CPR/AED

■ Wed., April 23, at 6pm: Standard First Aid

Classes are held at the chapter training room on Airport Road. Course fees apply. To register or for more information on other certification courses, contact the chapter office at 234-3459 or visit www.redcross.org/take-a-class. ***(PR)***

CCA board meeting on April 22

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2014, at 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the Commonwealth Cancer Association at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

Friends of the Library info meeting set

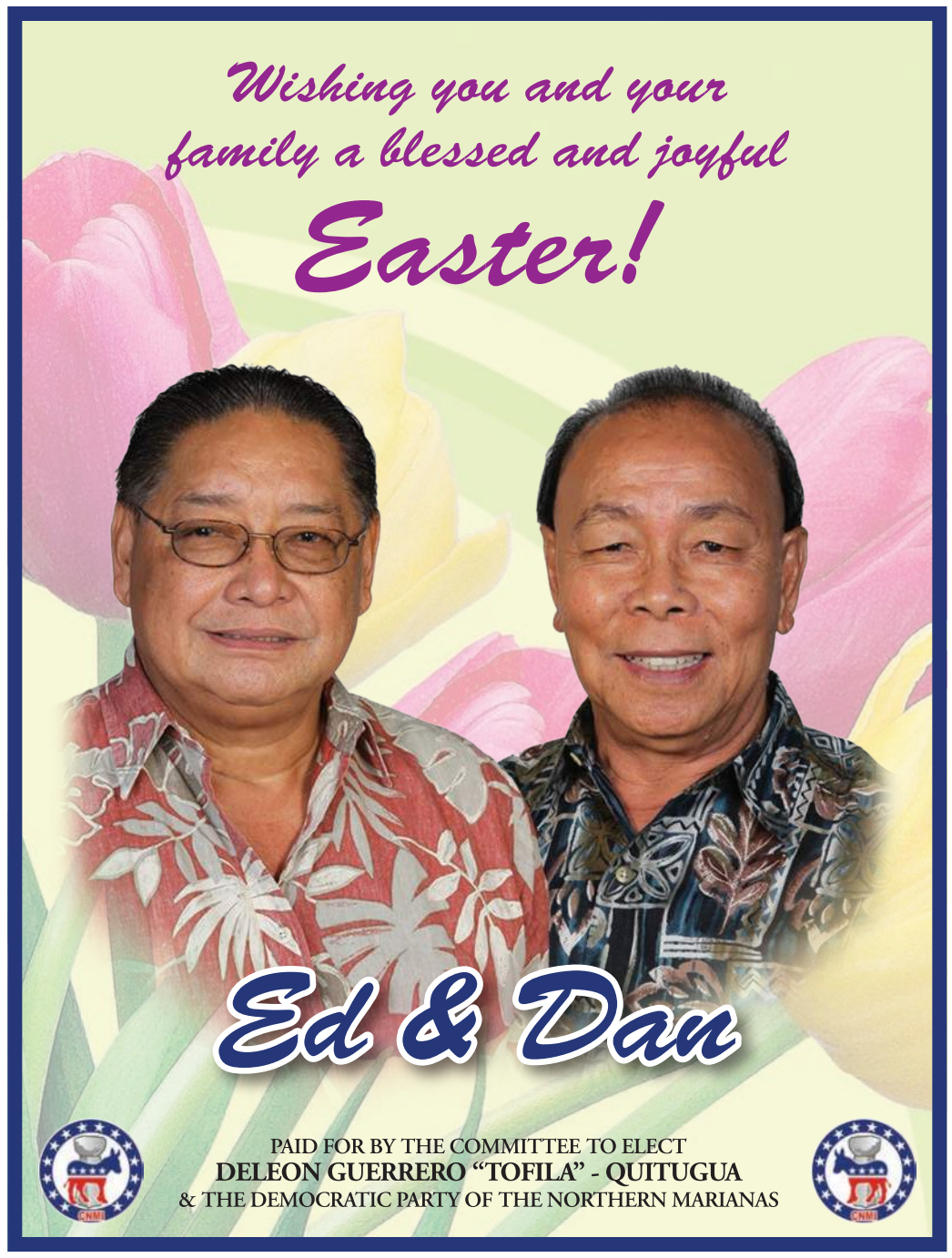
There will be a Friends of the Library informational meeting on Saturday, April 19, at 10:30am in the Pacific Room of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. All are welcome to attend. ***(PR)***

Survivors, caregivers support meeting on April 24

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association monthly support meetings scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2014, starting at 5:30pm at Hyatt Regency Saipan's Giovanni's Restaurant. To RSVP or for more information, call the Commonwealth Cancer Association at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com orcca@ccamarianas.org. ***(PR)***

Free erosion control training

Join the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality for a free workshop to learn about how to manage your land to decrease erosion and protect the environment on Saturday, April 26, 9am to 2pm, at Laolao Bay Golf Resort. Please contact Jihan Buniag at 664-8522 or 989-8442 to register. ***(PR)***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Department of Navy to release draft supplemental EIS

SANTA RITA, Guam—The Department of the Navy will publish today, April 18, a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement that assesses the potential environmental impacts of establishing a cantonment with family housing and a live-fire training range complex in support of the relocation of approximately 5,000 U.S. Marines and approximately 1,300 family members to Guam.

The SEIS was initiated in February 2012 to reexamine the siting of the live-fire training range complex and was subsequently expanded in October 2012 to include the cantonment and family housing after the number and composition of the Marine Corps forces changed.

The draft SEIS does not re-evaluate all previous decisions from the 2010 Record of Decision. For example, the Apra Harbor wharf improvements, the relocation of U.S. Marine Corps' Aviation Combat Element facilities to Andersen Air Force Base, the development of the North Gate and access road at Andersen, and the non-live fire training on Andersen South will occur regardless of the location in Guam the cantonment with family housing and the live-fire training range complex are situated. The expanded scope of the SEIS does not include the transient aircraft carrier berthing in Apra Harbor or the Army Air and Missile Defense Task Force.

The draft SEIS contains a description of the affected environment and a thorough examination of 18 resource areas for a range of alternatives. The draft SEIS will be available for review by the public at the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library in the University of Guam, the Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library in Hagatña, and digitally on the SEIS website (http://guambuildupeis.us) on April 18, 2014.

With the release of the draft SEIS, the Department of the Navy has also identified its Preferred Alternative. After considering Marine Corps operational requirements, infrastructure capabilities, environmental factors, and scoping input from the public, resource agencies, and the Government of Guam, the department's preferred alternative is to construct and operate a cantonment, including family housing, at Naval Base Guam, Telecommunications Site Finegayan and a live-fire training range complex at Andersen Air Force Base - Northwest Field. This preferred alternative is not a final decision and may change from the release of the draft SEIS to the release of the final SEIS.

"The [department] is committed to an open and transparent process in the relocation of U.S. Marine Corps forces to Guam. Our current plans are consistent with our Four Pillars strategy established in January 2011. We encourage the people of Guam to review the draft SEIS document and provide feedback and comments. This will help us in the process as we work toward a final SEIS," said Joseph Ludovici, the Joint Guam Program Office executive director and the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Infrastructure, Strategy and Analysis.

A public comment period is now open until June 17, 2014 (Chamorro Standard Time). The public may submit comments using the following methods:

1) U.S. Postal Service to:
Joint Guam Program Office (Forward)
P.O. Box 153246
Santa Rita, GU 96915

2) Digitally at the SEIS website, http://guambuildupeis.us

3) In person through verbal or written comments at one of our public meetings.

Formal opportunities for the public to provide input will be provided at three public meetings in Guam. The public meetings will be held as listed below:

■ Saturday, May 17, 2014, open house from 1pm to 3pm and public hearing from 3pm to 5pm, Okkodo High School, 660 Route 3, Dededo

■ Monday, May 19, 2014, open house from 5pm to 7pm and public hearing from 7pm to 9pm, Father Dueñas Memorial School Phoenix Center, 119 Dueñas lane, Chalan Pago

■ Tuesday, May 20, 2014, open house from 5pm to 7pm and public hearing from 7pm to 9pm, Gymnasium, Naval Base Guam – Santa Rita Annex, Bldg. 4177, (Former McCool School) Naval Magazine Road, Santa Rita

The format of the public meetings will consist of an open house with informational posters and materials on the draft SEIS followed by a period of time for the public to provide verbal comments. Written comments will also be accepted at the meetings.

"We are looking forward to an open and productive exchange with the public in the upcoming meetings. There is still much work to be done, and we continue to analyze the range of action alternatives. The input from the local government and the people of Guam is critical to that effort," Ludovici said yesterday.

The department will not make a decision until completion of the final SEIS early next year and it anticipates issuing a Record of Decision in 2015.

For additional information about the proposed military relocation and the associated SEIS process, visit our SEIS website at http://guambuildupeis.us. You can also sign up at the SEIS website to receive notifications when new information is posted. ***(PR)***

4 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged four Saipan beaches and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Affected sites are Sugar Dock, Hafa Afai drainage, DPW Channel Bridge, and Garapan Fishing Dock.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

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Parents of high school grads invited to summits

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The Kagman High School JROTC Ayuyu Battalion showed its full support for the Kick Butts March held at Garapan Central Park on April 12, 2014, from 7:30am to 12pm. The KHS color guard was in the lead for this event. There were 28 KHS JROTC cadets in formation with other schools behind. This event was to bring awareness to the health hazards of tobacco and to promote wellness of physical activities. There were static displays, volleyball games, obstacle course for young children, and free sandwiches and water for all.

The Northern Marianas College is inviting parents of graduating high school seniors from CNMI public high schools to its first Parent Summit event, which will be held throughout the next several days in Saipan, Rota, and Tinian.

The aim of the Parent Summit is to provide parents with practical information and resources they need to help their graduating senior prepare for and succeed in college. Topics of the summit include: "the value of a college education;" "paying for college;" "how to be a supportive parent;" and more.

According to Leo Pangelinan, dean of Student Services, attendance at the Parent Summits is a great way for parents to learn how to become meaningfully involved in their children's pursuit of higher education.

"Participants will also gain strategies for how to provide encouragement, particularly about academic issues related to their college-going children," Pangelinan said. "There will also be discussions about many resources that are available for college students."

The summits will be held on the following days:

- Monday, April 21, 2014, at Pacific Islands Club, for parents of Saipan Southern High School seniors.
- Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at Saipan World Resort, for parents of Marianas High School seniors.
- Wednesday April 23, 2014, at Lao Lao Bay Golf & Resort, for parents of Kagman High School (Kagman, Papago, Capitol Hill) seniors.
- Thursday, April 24, 2014, at Aqua Resort Club, for parents of Kagman High School (San Roque, As Matuis, Tanapag) seniors
- Monday, April 28, 2014, at Rota's Bayview Hotel, for parents of Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Jr./Sr. High School seniors.
- Tuesday, April 29, 2014, at Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino, for parents of Tinian Jr./Sr. High School seniors.

All Parent Summits will be held from 5pm to 7:30pm. Light refreshments will be served.

To register for the Parent Summit, visit www.marianas.edu. There is no fee to attend these summits.

The Parent Summits are supported by the College Access Challenge Grant program. For more information, contact of NMC Office of Admissions and Records at 234-5498 Ext. 6768 or 6770. ***(NMC)***

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It also gives us a time to take a moment and be thankful for what we have after the sacrifices made during the past month. The next few days will be marked by many observances by people of many walks of life; however way you may commemorate this holiday, do so in peace, faith, and positivity.

This weekend, let us take a moment to pause and reflect. Let's embrace the graces we hold dear, and rejoice for the blessings we enjoy today.

From our families to yours, we wish you a blessed, safe, and Happy Easter!

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Lack of access to fishery data frustrates scientists

A meeting of over 20 stock assessment scientists from the Asia–Pacific region last week heard that the scientific assessment of tunas in the western and central Pacific Ocean continues to be hampered by some fishing states not making data available to scientists.

Dr Shelton Harley, head of the Stock Assessment and Modeling team within the Secretariat of the Pacific Community Oceanic Fisheries Program noted that "the most frustrating aspect is that the data have been collected and are just sitting on computers in countries and not contributing to the efforts to determine the health and safe harvest levels for the largest tuna resource in the world."

The purpose of the annual meeting, hosted by SPC, is to review progress in assessing the status of bigeye, skipjack, and yellowfin tunas in the western and central Pacific Ocean. This year is critical as it will be the first time in three years that these tunas are being assessed and also the first assessment for bigeye tuna since the independent review of the previous assessment conducted in 2012. Bigeye tuna is the species whose health has been of most concern in recent years, with rising catches associated with purse-seine fishing around fish aggregating devices.

The independent review—funded by the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission—stressed the importance of scientists having access to detailed operational-level data from the fisheries, but despite this, there has been very little movement from those fishing states that hold the data. In early 2014 three scientists from Taiwan came to SPC headquarters in New Caledonia and brought these important data on Taiwanese fishing with them. Some very useful analyses were conducted, but after two weeks the scientists went home and took the data with them. While this was a useful first step, it means that follow up analyses that might be required as the assessments develop and as other data are received cannot be undertaken. Nevertheless, Harley expressed appreciation to the Taiwan fisheries administration for this useful first step, and encouraged other major fishing countries to support the stock assessments by allowing scientists access to these data.

On a more positive note, Harley noted that the upcoming assessments would be drawing heavily on the results from the Pacific Tuna Tagging Program (www.spc.int/tagging). Almost 400,000 tunas have been tagged since 2006, with over 70,000 fish recaptured. This program will be important in better understanding the rate of fishing and the connectivity of tuna across the WCPO.

The completed stock assessments will be presented to the 10th Regular Session of the WCPFC Scientific Committee when it meets in Majuro, Marshall Island in August 2014. ***(SPC)***

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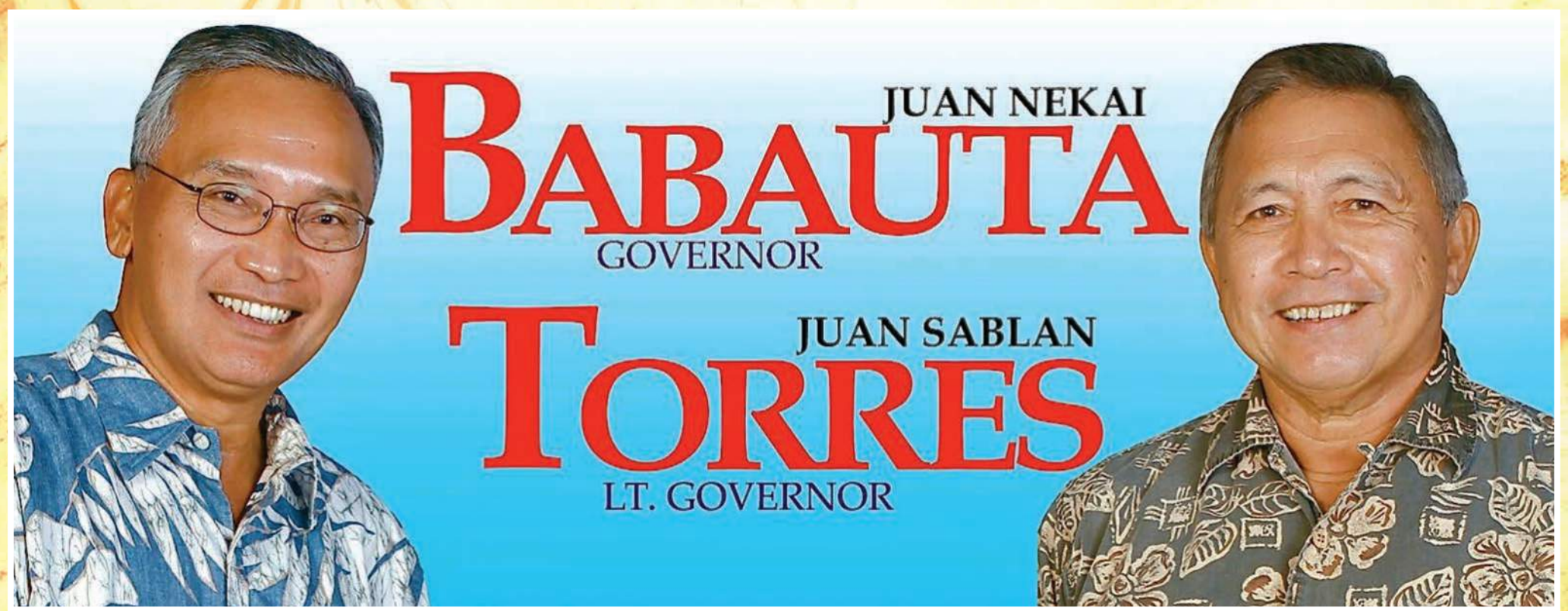

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Fiesta wins Rakuten Diamond Award 4 years in a row

Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan won the Diamond Award for 2013 from Rakuten Travel. The company, Japan's largest online reservation website, hosts an annual awards ceremony celebrating the achievements of outstanding hotel operators.

The "Diamond Award" is awarded to the top hotel every year, recognizing high volume of sales as well as overall satisfaction with customer service and facilities.

The awards ceremony was held in the Azucena Room of Fiesta Resort last April 9. Fiesta Resort is proud to be the recipient of this award for the fourth year running, demonstrating the hotel's ongoing positive rankings among tourists. ***(PR)***

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Rakuten Travel, Japan's largest online reservation website, presents Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan with the Diamond Award for 2013 at the Azucena Room of Fiesta Resort last April 9.

Guam senator wants study on wage hike and lower tax rate

HAGATNA, Guam—Sen. Chris Duenas announced yesterday that he would like to see a study commissioned on the impact of increasing the minimum wage while simultaneously reducing taxes.

"While no one can deny that the cost of living has increased the last decade and people can use more money in their pockets, we need to ensure that we are shaping common sense policy that allows our mom-and-pop businesses to adjust to a proposed minimum wage increase. What we don't want to see is people losing their jobs because a small business can only pay three people the increase instead of four, or food prices increase to accommodate higher wages," Duenas said.

He said the best way to get people out of a minimum wage situation is to provide them job skills that allow them to secure higher paying jobs. In 2011, Duenas authored and introduced three scholarship public laws:

■ Growing Guam's Workforce Scholarship Program (P.L. 31-128) provides students the ability to experience postsecondary education.

■ Building Guam's Trades Scholarship Program (P.L. 31-180) caters to students who are seeking careers in the construction industry.

■ Every Child is Entitled to a Higher Education Scholarship Program (P.L. 31-129) requires each scholarship recipient to work with an academic adviser to develop a contract between the student and UOG detailing the academic plan to obtain a degree within a specific timeframe.

"While I support putting more money in the hands of our working families, we cannot legislate people out of poverty; we have to educate them out of poverty. Educating our workforce is key to meeting the rising cost of living on Guam and improving the quality of life for our working families," Duenas said. ***(PR)***

FSM gets $5.8M Compact aid in March

In March the Federated States of Micronesia's Department of Finance received Compact grant assistance payments from the U.S. government totaling $5.8 million. These payments were for Compact sector grants: Health, $2,144,099; Education, $2,325,354; Infrastructure, $ 638,395; Public Sector Capacity Building, $360,174; Private Sector Development, $168,311; Environment, $143,503; and Enhanced Reporting and Accountability, $92,783.

The total amount $5,872,619 is provided to the States of the FSM as follows: Chuuk, $2,036,288; COM-FSM, $ 990,000; Kosrae, $419,400; Pohnpei, $1,382,251; and Yap, $1,044,680. ***(PR)***

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TREE PLANTING INITIATIVE

Hopwood Jr. High School principal Jonas Barcinas, his staff, and students are recognized for being the first school to plant their trees this year for the 2014 Environmental Awareness Month "Local Tree Planting Event." The tree planting was done on Monday, April 7, 2014, at Hopwood Jr. High School. The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality thanks Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan for taking the initiative to get the Public School System involved in this event as well as the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, CNMI Forestry for donating all the plants. For more information on the Local Tree Planting Event, call BECQ at 664-8518.

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ESGR to honor employers in 6th Employer Awards Gala

» Judiciary of Guam a nominee of 2014 Freedom Award

BARRIGADA, Guam—The Judiciary of Guam has made it to the top 30 lists of employers from all over the United States and its territories that are vying for the 2014 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

The news comes as the local Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is preparing for its April 25, 2014, annual awards gala, which will be held at the Pacific Star Hotel in Tumon. With the theme of "We All Serve," MG Bret D. Daugherty, the Adjutant General of the Washington National Guard, will keynote this year's awards ceremony.

Fifty-five local employers will join the Judiciary of Guam in this awards gala where they will be honored for the extraordinary support they have extended their Guard and Reserve employees.

"Our employers have distinguished themselves for supporting our uniformed service members and their families and the best expression of this is ensuring that their service member employees have a job to go back to right after deployment. The employers we are honoring at this gala have instituted policies and initiative that inspires and encourages the military service of our service members. They make the sacrifice in order to guarantee that the rights and privileges of their service member employees are protected," said David J. Sablan, ESGR state chair.

"Our yearly gala event is our way of thanking and honoring our patriotic employers for their help and support. We are grateful for their help and we also enjoin our community to honor them for their contributions," said Sablan.

ESGR is a Department of Defense office that seeks to foster a culture in which all employers support and value the employment and military service of members of the National Guard and Reserve in the United States. Paramount to ESGR's mission is encouraging employment of Guardsmen and Reservists who bring integrity, global perspective and proven leadership to the civilian workforce.

Companies and agencies that will be honored, alongside the service member that nominated them, include: ANZ Bank, ASRC Primus, Bank of Guam, Black Construction Corp., Defense Commissary Agency - Orote Point, Delta Airlines, Delta Global Services, Department of Military Affairs, Department of the Navy - 36th Security Forces Squadron, Department of Youth Affairs, Docomo Pacific Guam, DZSP-21 LLC, Guam Department of Education, GDOE - Division of Special Education, GDOE - F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School, GDOE - J.P. Torres Alternative School, GDOE - Oceanview Middle School, GDOE - Price Elementary School, GTA Teleguam, Inc., Guam Cleaning Masters, Guam Community College, Guam International Airport Authority, Guam Power Authority, Guam Waterworks Authority, Hawaiian Rock Products, Inc., Hilton Guam Resort & Spa, Igale, Inc., Inland Builders Corp., IT&E Guam - Life In Motion, Judiciary of Guam, Kings Restaurant, KMart Guam, Macy's Guam, *Marianas Variety* Guam, MWR Liberty / Single Sailor Sanctuary, Office of the Attorney General of Guam, Office of the Governor of Guam, Outrigger Resort Guam, Pacific Islands Club Guam, Pacific Trucking Co., Payless Supermarkets, Inc., Perez Brothers, Inc., Port Authority of Guam, Secure Safe Solutions, South Pacific Petroleum Corp., Transportation Security Administration - Guam Office, Tumon Kidney Center, U.S. Dept of Agriculture - Division of Aquatic & Wildlife Resources, U.S. Navy Fire & Emergency Services, U.S. Navy Security Forces, and U.S. Postal Service.

For more information about ESGR, the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) and to RSVP for the event, contact Maj. Josephine Blas, ESGR Guam-CNMI Office at (671) 735-0456. ***(PR)***

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Business

Why high oil prices are actually good for airlines

NEW YORK (AP)—Airline executives frequently complain about fuel costs. But the truth is higher prices actually have been good for business.

In the past six years, airlines have overhauled the way they operate to adjust to this new reality. They've shown more discipline by offering fewer seats, which ensures airfares are high enough to cover costs. Unprofitable routes have been eliminated. And every expense has been scrutinized.

These changes, along with high oil prices, have created an insurmountable roadblock to startup airlines that hope to undercut established carriers.

"Traditionally, it was too easy to start an airline and too difficult to kill one off," says Jamie Baker, an airline analyst with JPMorgan Chase.

No more.

A decade ago, airlines were paying just $1.42 a gallon for fuel, when adjusted for inflation. Last year, they paid an average of $3.03 a gallon, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. Fuel now accounts for more than a third of airlines' expenses, overtaking salaries, wages and benefits as the single biggest line item. U.S. carriers burned through 16 billion gallons of jet fuel last year at a cost of $48.4 billion. That's up nearly $23 billion from 10 years ago—when the airlines consumed 2 billion more gallons of fuel.

So why is this good?

High oil prices forced the major airlines to do business differently. They grounded older, gas-guzzling jets. Then they charged extra for checking baggage and raised other fees. More passengers were packed into planes and mergers helped push airfares higher. The average cost of a roundtrip domestic ticket—including baggage and reservation change fees—grew to $378.62 from $351.48 in the last five years, when adjusted for inflation.

All of that has them on pace for a fifth consecutive year of profits.

A big reason for the streak: The majors aren't facing the myriad of fly-by-night start-ups that disrupted their business in the past. Low-cost carriers like PeopleExpress and ValueJet used to be able to enter markets, charge a lot less to fly and push the established carriers out.

AP

In this June 12, 2008 file photo, a worker hooks up a fuel hose to an airplane at Tampa International Airport in Tampa, Fla.

Obama, Biden announce $600M for job grants

OAKDALE, Pa. (AP)—Emphasizing skills training as key to a growing middle class, President Barack Obama on Wednesday announced $600 million in competitive grants to spur creation of targeted training and apprenticeship programs to help people land good-paying jobs.

"When it comes to training our workers, not all of today's good jobs require a four-year college degree," Obama said. "But I promise you, there's not a job out there that's going to pay a lot if you don't have some specialized training."

With the economy recovering and unemployment still stubbornly high at 6.7 percent, Obama portrayed skills training as critical to maintaining the U.S. competitive edge in a global economy that has rapidly changing technology and competition from countries like China.

Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker, who traveled aboard Air Force One with Obama, said businesses spend $400 billion a year to train their workers. She said a goal of the new programs is to encourage employers to make that training available to others.

Obama announced two programs, the larger of which will put nearly $500 million toward a job-training competition run by the Labor Department and designed to encourage community colleges, employers and industry to work together to create training programs for the jobs employers need to fill. Applications were to be available starting Wednesday and due by July 7.

Yellen: Fed stimulus still needed for job market

NEW YORK (AP)—Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen said Wednesday that the U.S. job market still needs help from the Fed and that the central bank must remain intent on adjusting its policy to respond to unforeseen challenges.

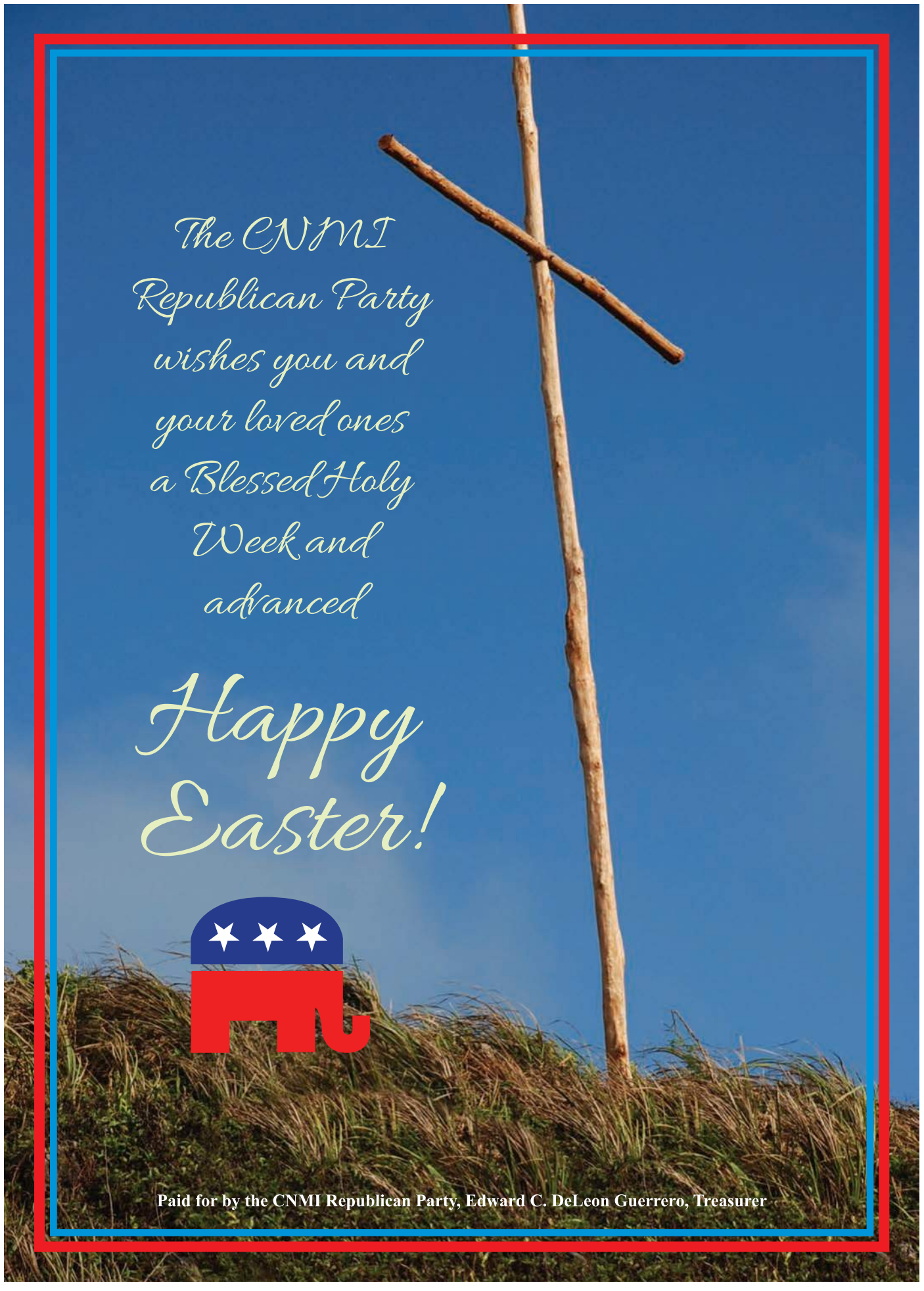
In her first major speech on Fed policy, Yellen sought to explain the Fed's shifting guidance on its interest-rate policy, which at times has confused or jarred investors. She said the Fed's policies "must respond to significant unexpected twist and turns the economy may make."

"Thus far in the recovery and to this day, there is little question that the economy has remained far from maximum employment," Yellen told an audience at the Economic Club of New York.

She said the Fed's forecast for moderate growth has changed little since last fall despite the severe winter. Fed officials still see only a gradual return to full employment over the next two to three years, Yellen said.

Yellen said the Fed continues to face challenges in its efforts to invigorate the economy's recovery from the Great Recession. It's been reducing its bond purchases, which have been intended to keep loan rates low to stimulate spending and growth. But the Fed has kept its benchmark short-term rate at a record low near zero since late 2008.

Yellen's speech Wednesday and her answers to questions afterward served to confirm investors' view that the new Fed chair is firmly in the camp of "doves"- officials who are more concerned about high unemployment than about the threat of future high inflation.



Nation

Defense says bombing suspect's family key to case

BOSTON (AP)—Lawyers for Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev said Wednesday that understanding Tsarnaev's family is key to their case, offering a glimpse of the defense strategy as they prepare to defend him against charges that carry the possibility of the death penalty.

Tsarnaev's lawyers have previously indicated that they are planning to argue that he was influenced by his 26-year-old brother, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, who authorities say was his co-conspirator.

On Wednesday, the defense suggested that they will delve deeper into the dynamic of the Tsarnaev family, including the relationships the brothers had with their two sisters and their parents.

Tamerlan Tsarnaev was killed in a shootout with police several days after the April 15, 2013, bombing. Dzhokhar is awaiting trial on 30 federal charges.

Attorney David Bruck focused on Tsarnaev's family while asking a judge to lift special restrictions on Tsarnaev in prison, including FBI monitoring when his two sisters visit him.

"I don't think there is anybody that has seen what has unfolded in the last year and a day who doesn't understand that if the government's indictment is true—this is about a family—and the search for an understanding of what happened is in large measure a story of this family and the relationships between people in it," Bruck said.

Bruck said the presence of the FBI agent during the sisters' visits hurts the defense team's ability to observe Tsarnaev's interactions with them.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Nadine Pellegrini argued that Tsarnaev "felt free to say whatever he wanted," despite the presence of the FBI agent and a member of the defense team.

U.S. District Judge George O'Toole Jr. did not issue a formal ruling but indicated he will ease the restrictions when Tsarnaev's sisters visit.

AP

This combination of file photos shows brothers Tamerlan, left, and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, suspects in the Boston Marathon bombings on April 15, 2013.

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NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 12, the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities is hereby gives notice that it will hold its 1st Quarter General Membership Meeting on April 29, 2014, from 10:00am –2:00pm at the Charley's Cabaret, Pacific Islands Club.

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER
II. ROLL CALL
III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – December 30, 2013
V. ACTION ITEMS
  a. Approval of CRSP MOA between CDD and Ayuda Network, Inc.
  b. Approval/Ratification of Proposed FY 2015 Budget of Commonwealth Respite Services Program (CRSP)
  c. Approval of the Amendment to DD Basic Grant FY 2014 Budget to include total allotment award
  d. District Court Re-Payment
VI. REPORT
  a. Chairman
  b. Executive Director
  c. Fiscal Committee Chairperson
  d. State Plan Committee Chairperson
VII. OLD BUSINESS
  a. Commonwealth Respite Services Program (CRSP) Rules and Regulations Update
  b. AD Hoc Committee update
  c. CNMI Job Fair
  d. COTA update
VIII. NEW BUSINESS
  a. Autism Awareness Month
  b. Emergency & Disaster Preparedness Training
XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION
XII. MISCELLANEOUS
XIII. NEXT MEETING
XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Note: Pursuant to P.L. 8-41, Section 13(a) 7, the Council may vote to meet in Executive Session.
In accordance to the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend this meeting and require special accommodations are requested to call the Council 5 days in advance at 664-7000. The Public is welcome to submit written or 3 minutes oral comments regarding the agenda above.

/s/ Thomas J. Camacho
Chairman

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Bloomberg plans $50M gun control network

NEW YORK (AP)—Former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg plans to spend $50 million this year on a new group that will mix campaign contributions with field operations aimed at pulling 1 million gun-control supporters to the polls, he announced Wednesday, adding a new dimension to his long-running fight for tighter firearms regulation.

The new organization, Everytown for Gun Safety, plans to mobilize voters to back candidates and ballot measures supporting such causes as enhancing background checks for gun buyers, according to a news release. The group also plans to issue candidate questionnaires and scorecards and form a political action committee.

"This new organization will bring more people into the fight against gun violence, which affects every town in America," Bloomberg said in a statement. The group will look closely at 15 states, including pro-gun states such as Texas, and other states where gun control initiatives have advanced.

The National Rifle Association had no immediate comment Wednesday but said it would respond at its annual meeting next week in Indianapolis.

The billionaire Bloomberg has used a combination of his wealth and his stature as the 12-year mayor of the nation's biggest city to become perhaps the country's most formidable gun-control activist.

It's a cause he cast in dramatic terms in an interview published Tuesday night on The New York Times' website. Citing his work on gun safety, obesity and curbing smoking, he told the paper—with a smile: "If there is a God, when I get to heaven I'm not stopping to be interviewed. I am heading straight in. I have earned my place in heaven. It's not even close."

During his mayoral tenure, which ended last year, Bloomberg's administration set up gun-buying stings in other states to highlight what it said were illegal sales. He and former Boston Mayor Thomas Menino founded Mayors Against Illegal Guns, which spread its message through such means as a $12 million ad campaign last year; the group is now part of Everytown for Gun Safety.

Meanwhile, Bloomberg made nearly $14 million in federal campaign contributions for gun-control candidates in the 2012 elections alone. His super PAC spent more than $2 million in a 2013 Democratic primary in a special congressional election in Chicago, where his favored candidate got the seat.

Bloomberg's efforts sometimes spurred criticism that the New Yorker was butting into other people's politics, and gun-rights groups have portrayed him as overreaching and out of touch with the views of millions of gun owners.

On hearing of Bloomberg's new initiative, Larry Pratt, executive director of Gun Owners of America, told the Times: "He's got the money to waste. So I guess he's free to do so."

Pratt didn't immediately return a call Wednesday.

In a major setback for gun-control advocates, President Barack Obama's plan for broader background checks and proposals for a ban on military-style assault rifles and limits on ammunition capacity failed last year in Congress.

An Associated Press-GfK poll in December found 52 percent of Americans favored stricter gun laws, 31 percent wanted them left as they are and 15 percent said they should be loosened.

ACROSS THE NATION

Classes resume at high school rocked by stabbings

MURRYSVILLE, Pa. (AP)—Classes resumed Wednesday at a Pittsburgh-area high school where authorities said a student stabbed or slashed 21 others and a security guard a week ago while rampaging through a hallway with two kitchen knives. Before school began, some students gathered at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday on the football field behind Franklin Regional High School to pray and to support one another. After that, as day broke and other students drove to school—or were driven on buses or by their parents—they were greeted by well-wishers from a nearby church who were holding signs of support saying things like "Courage" and "It's a new day." Karen Ingersoll said she has two children who graduated from the school and two daughters still attend it.

Firetruck rams California eatery; 15 injured

MONTEREY PARK, Calif. (AP)—Two firetrucks heading to a burning home collided Wednesday in a Los Angeles suburb, sending one careening into a restaurant and injuring 15 people, including at least five firefighters. One of the victims was in critical condition, officials said. The crash on a busy commercial strip in Monterey Park left one truck embedded in the restaurant, with shattered glass and rubble heaped on the sidewalk. Chairs and tables were scattered inside. "There was a loud boom and a lot of shaking. I thought it was an earthquake," said Wendy Wu, a waitress who was in a walk-in freezer when the truck plowed through the front of the restaurant.

Ex-official leaves huge debt for California city

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A former city official who became a symbol of municipal greed was sentenced Wednesday to 12 years in prison—less than half the time it will take the nearly bankrupt Los Angeles suburb of Bell to dig itself out of the estimated $150 million in debt he left behind. A judge also ordered former Bell city manager Robert Rizzo to make $8.8 million in restitution, but prosecutors say that only covers the money he illegally took for himself. In all, Rizzo cost the modest city more than $150 million in legal fees and illegally collected taxes that must be repaid, said prosecutors and Bell officials. "That resulted in borrowing that will not be paid back until 2040," Anthony Taylor, an attorney representing the city of Bell, told Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Kathleen Kennedy.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Special Meeting of the Board is scheduled on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

I. PRELIMARY MATTERS
  a. Call to Order
  b. Roll Call
  c. Adoption of Agenda
  d. Adoption of Minutes
    i. March 26, 2014 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. FY 2013 DRAFT AUDIT EXIT CONFERENCE

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

V. ADJOURNMENT

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ **MARCIE M. TOMOKANE**
Chairwoman of the Board

Your Child at 4 Years

Child's Name _____ Child's Age _____ Today's Date _____

How your child plays, learns, speaks, and acts offers important clues about your child's development. Developmental milestones are things most children can do by a certain age.

Check the milestones your child has reached by his or her 3rd birthday. Take this with you and talk with your child's doctor at every visit about the milestones your child has reached and what to expect next.

What Most Babies Do at this Age:

Social/Emotional
- ❑ Enjoys doing new things
- ❑ Plays "Mom" and "Dad"
- ❑ Is more and more creative with make-believe play
- ❑ Would rather play with other children than by himself
- ❑ Cooperates with other children
- ❑ Often can't tell what's real and what's make-believe
- ❑ Talks about what she likes and what she is interested in

Language/Communication
- ❑ Knows some basic rules of grammar, such as correctly using "he" and "she"
- ❑ Sings a song or says a poem from memory such as the "Itsy Bitsy Spider" or the "Wheels on the Bus"
- ❑ Tells stories
- ❑ Can say first and last name

Cognitive (learning, thinking, problem-solving)
- ❑ Names some colors and some numbers
- ❑ Understands the idea of counting
- ❑ Starts to understand time
- ❑ Remembers parts of a story
- ❑ Understands the idea of "same" and "different"
- ❑ Draws a person with 2 to 4 body parts
- ❑ Uses scissors
- ❑ Starts to copy some capital letters
- ❑ Plays board or card games
- ❑ Tells you what he thinks is going to happen next in a book

Movement/Physical Development
- ❑ Hops and stands on one foot up to 2 seconds
- ❑ Catches a bounced ball most of the time
- ❑ Pours, cuts with supervision, and mashes own food

Act Early by Talking to Your Child's Doctor if Your Child:

- ❑ Can't jump in place
- ❑ Has trouble scribbling
- ❑ Shows no interest in interactive games or make-believe
- ❑ Ignores other children or doesn't respond to people outside the family
- ❑ Resists dressing, sleeping, and using the toilet
- ❑ Can't retell a favorite story
- ❑ Doesn't follow 3-part commands
- ❑ Doesn't understand "same" and "different"
- ❑ Doesn't use "me" and "you" correctly
- ❑ Speaks unclearly
- ❑ Loses skills he once had

Tell your child's doctor or nurse if you notice any of these signs of possible developmental delay for this age, and talk with someone in your community who is familiar with services for young children in your area, such as your local public school. For more information, go to **www.cdc.gov/concerned** or call **1-800-CDC-INFO.**

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Asia

Fears rise for missing in SKorea ferry sinking

MOKPO, South Korea (AP)—Strong currents, rain and bad visibility hampered rescuers Thursday in the search for 287 passengers still missing more than 24 hours after their ferry flipped onto its side and filled with water off the southern coast of South Korea.

Nine people, including three students and two teachers, were confirmed dead, but many expect a sharp jump in that number because the missing have now spent more than a day either trapped in the ferry or in the cold seawater. There was also fury among families waiting for word of passengers who were mostly high school students.

There were 475 people aboard, and some of the frantic parents of the 325 student passengers who'd been heading to Jeju island for a four-day trip gathered at Danwon High School in Ansan, which is near Seoul, and in Mokpo, in the south of the country, not far from where the ferry slipped beneath the surface until only the blue-tipped, forward edge of the keel was visible.

Relatives of the three dead students wailed and sobbed as ambulances at a hospital in Mokpo took the bodies to Ansan. The families, who spent a mostly sleepless night at the hospital, followed the ambulances in their own cars.

The family of one of the victims, 24-year-old teacher Choi Hye-jung, spoke about a young woman who loved to boast of how her students would come to her office and give her hugs.

"She was very active and wanted to be a good leader," her father, Choi Jae-kyu, 53, said at Mokpo Jung-Ang Hospital while waiting for the arrival of his daughter's body. Choi's mother, sitting on a bench at the hospital, sobbed quietly with her head bent down on her knee.

Meanwhile, more than 400 rescuers searched nearby waters overnight and into Thursday morning. Coast guard spokesman Kim Jae-in said that in the next two days, three vessels with cranes onboard would arrive to help with the rescue and salvage the ship. Divers worked round the clock in shifts in an attempt to get inside the vessel, he said. But the current wouldn't allow them to enter.

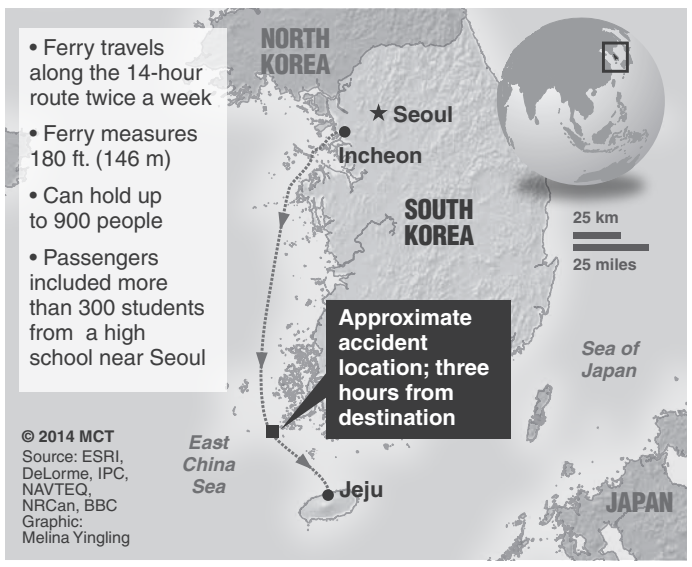
Kim said coast guard officials were questioning the captain, but declined to provide details or speculate on the cause of sinking. Kim denied earlier reports by Yonhap news agency that the ferry had turned too swiftly when it was supposed to make a slow turn. He also declined to say whether the ferry had wandered from its usual route.

"I am really sorry and deeply ashamed," a man identified by broadcaster YTN and Yonhap news agency as the captain, 60-year-old Lee Joon-seok, said in brief comments shown on TV, his face covered with a gray hoodie. "I don't know what to say."

Coast guard officers, experts on marine science and other experts and officers planned to gather Thursday in Mokpo to start discussions on how the ship sank.

South Korean ferry sinks

A ferry carrying more than 450 people sank off South Korea's southern coast April 16 leaving nearly 300 people missing.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If filed, plane lawsuits might not get heard in US

BEIJING (AP)—Since Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 went missing, some lawyers have claimed they can get several millions of dollars in damages for each lost passenger by taking the cases to the United States. But past lawsuits show U.S. federal courts are more likely to throw such cases out if the crashes happened overseas.

Major disasters draw lawyers looking to sign up clients for big lawsuits, and the missing Malaysian plane, which was carrying mostly Chinese passengers, has been no exception. Lawyers from various firms have descended on a Beijing hotel where relatives of the passengers have been staying, and have even traveled around China to visit them in their homes.

The Chinese relatives have said their main focus remains on the search for the plane, so lawyers have had little luck so far in signing up clients here, despite dangling the potential of major damage awards.

"This is not the right point in time to discuss legal matters because nothing has been found yet and everybody has no idea what exactly happened to the plane," said Steve Wang, a representative of some of the Chinese relatives.

Relatives can expect to get at least about $175,000 from Malaysia Airlines for each lost passenger under terms of the Montreal Convention, an international treaty governing air travel compensation. The relatives can also sue the carrier in Malaysia or their home countries for further damages.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Passenger train derails in northern India; 42 hurt

GAUHATI, India (AP)—A passenger train derailed in northeastern India early Wednesday, and dozens of passengers suffered mostly minor injuries. The engine and nine of the train's 13 coaches jumped the track near the Jagiroad station, about 140 kilometers (85 miles) east of Gauhati, the capital of Assam, state-owned Indian Railways said in a statement. The cause of the derailment was not known, but railway authorities ordered an investigation.

Female Afghan lawmaker wounded in shooting attack

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—A female Afghan lawmaker was wounded in a shooting that her sister called a political attack, but which the government on Wednesday described as resulting from an undetermined personal dispute with a police officer. Maryam Koofi was recovering in a Kabul hospital from after being shot twice in the leg the previous night as she left her office. Her bodyguard was more seriously wounded with shots to his head and leg. It was the second attack in a day on a high-profile figure in the capital. On Tuesday morning, Afghanistan's deputy public works minister was abducted from his car on his way to work.

Early Signs of Autism
Learn the Signs. Act Early.

Red flags to watch for from birth to age 3

Social
Children with autism may:
- Not share warm, joyful facial expressions, such as smiles by 6 months
- Not babble and coo by 12 months
- Not respond to their name by 12 months
- Use few or no gestures (e.g., does not wave goodbye, point, etc.) by 12 months
- Not play "pretend" games (pretend to "feed" a doll) by 18 months
- Avoid eye contact
- Avoid other people and prefer to play alone
- Prefer not to be held or cuddled
- Have delayed speech and language skills.

Behavioral
Children with autism may:
- Be very organized (e.g., line up toys or other objects)
- Get upset by minor changes
- Have odd movement patterns (e.g., flaps hands, rocks body, or spins self in circles)
- Have frequent temper tantrums
- Be overly active
- Purposely hurt themselves
- Repeat words or actions over and over
- Look at objects from unusual angles.

Other areas
Children with autism often:
- Are overly sensitive to touch, sounds, taste or smells
- Lack fear in dangerous situations
- Have an intense need for routines
- Have learning difficulties
- Lose skills they once had (for instance, stop saying words they were using).

If you have concerns about your child's development, contact your baby's doctor or call the Children's Developmental Assistance Center at 664-4830 for a free developmental screening.
Children with autism can learn, grow and succeed.
Early action is the key!
Big Steps for Little Feet
CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Information adapted from the Center of Disease Control and Prevention, Learn the Signs. Act Early.
Supported in part by project H25MC06112 from the MCHB (Title V, Social Security Act), HRSA, DHHS.

World

Ukraine, US to alternately cajole, threaten Russia

GENEVA (AP)—Ukraine is hoping to placate Russia and calm hostilities with its neighbor even as the U.S. prepares a new round of sanctions to punish Moscow for what it regards as fomenting unrest.

The carrot-stick strategy emerged as diplomats from Ukraine, the U.S., the European Union and Russia prepared to meet Thursday for the first time over the burgeoning crisis that threatens to roil the new government in Kiev.

It also comes as Russia hones a strategy of its own: Push the West as far as possible without provoking crippling sanctions against its financial and energy sectors or a military confrontation with NATO.

"I think we still have a chance to de-escalate the situation using the diplomatic means," Ukraine's foreign minister, Andrii Deshchytsia, told reporters late Wednesday ahead of the talks. "And we are trying hard."

However, Deshchytsia said the diplomatic discussions also must be tempered with efforts "to look for a more concrete and adequate response to Russia's plans and actions."

Obama administration officials tamped down any expectations that the meetings in Geneva would yield a breakthrough or Russian concessions meaningful enough to avoid new U.S. penalties.

With Ukraine struggling to contain a pro-Russian uprising in its eastern region bordering Russia, the Obama administration is readying additional sanctions against Moscow and a boost in aid for the Ukrainian military in the coming days, U.S. officials said Wednesday. The sanctions likely will target more wealthy individuals close to Russian President Vladimir Putin and the entities they run, while military aid could include medical supplies and clothing.

"Each time Russia takes these kinds of steps that are designed to destabilize Ukraine and violate their sovereignty, there are going to be consequences," President Barack Obama said Wednesday in an interview with CBS News. "Mr. Putin's decisions aren't just bad for Ukraine. Over the long term, they're going to be bad for Russia."

The U.S. military aid was expected to stop short of body armor and other equipment for Ukraine's troops. Additionally, the Obama administration is reluctant to send weapons and ammunition, as Kiev has requested, amid fears that lethal supplies would be seen as an escalatory step by the U.S. and trigger a more aggressive response from the estimated 40,000 Russian forces massed on its border with Ukraine.

Despite the diplomatic freeze between Moscow and Kiev, a senior State Department official said Ukraine's negotiators planned to try to assuage Russia's concerns during Thursday's talks. Deshchytsia and his team were expected to brief Russia and the other diplomats on what Kiev was doing to transfer more power from the central government to the regions, including letting local areas keep more of their funding and elect their own leaders.

The Ukraine diplomats were prepared to field questions from negotiators and even seek Russia's advice on how to quell concerns in Moscow about the rights of Russian-speaking minorities in Ukraine and the approaching May 25 presidential elections to ensure they are inclusive for all candidates.

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Oleai, Saipan, MP 96950

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW14-RFP-002

Topographic and As-Built Survey of Marpo Heights Road Subdivision

Governor Eloy S. Inos, and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Department of Public Works (DPW), are soliciting sealed proposals for the ***Topographic and As-Built Survey of Marpo Heights Road Subdivision, Tinian,*** Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations dated May 24, 2001. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with §70-30.3-305 of the regulation.

Prior to being awarded a contract, the firm or company must have or obtain a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the CNMI Board of Professional Licensing. Information about obtaining a COA may be requested from Ms. Florence C. Sablan, Executive Director, at (670) 234-5897/5898 or fax (670) 234-6040.

The Request for Proposal and Scope of Work is available on or after ***April 11, 2014*** at the Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, Suite 207, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan.

A ***Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference*** is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works, Conference Room, Room 212, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center on April 30, 2014 . Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to **Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division,** 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 234-3547 no later than 2:30 p.m. local time May 07, 2014.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a Project Approach and Schedule of Completion, which details how the work will be accomplished by the consultants, given the time requirements and resources available as identified in their proposals.

Proposers shall also submit a separate statement of qualifications (résumés and experience). The total proposal submitted shall be no more than ten (10) pages in length. Note that a firm, which submits a proposal as a prime consultant, cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, only sub-consultants may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. ***Qualifications of Principal(s) and Staff assigned to the Project - 40%***
2. ***Experience and Past Performance of Firm (s) on similar Project - 35%***
3. ***Response to Request For Proposal - 15%***
4. ***Cost - 10%***

Sealed proposals must be marked **"DPW14-RFP-002"**. For Proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of proposals must be submitted no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, May 14, 2014, to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan. Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a. **Notice of Intent to Propose**. Notices of Intent to submit proposal must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, May 14, 2014, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For Proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than May 14, 2014 and must be received no later than May 21, 2014. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) awarded a contract for the project, including excise tax.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so, would be in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ VICENTE C. CABRERA
Acting Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement & Supply

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITIATION TO BID
2014-CDA-03-ITB

Submission & Opening Date: April 25, 2014
Time: 10:00 a.m.

"SUPPLY OF TABLETS, BLUETOOTH KEYBOARDS and CASES FOR CDA"

Copies of the specifications may be picked up at the Commonwealth Development Authority Office, 2nd Floor in Oleai, Saipan during regular working hours.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/S/ MANUEL A. SABLAN
Executive Director

/S/HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director P&S

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

INVITATION TO BID
ITB14-GOV-079

Replacement of Computer Hardware and UPS Stations for CNMI Department of Labor

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, are soliciting sealed bids for the Replacement of Computer Hardware and UPS Stations for CNMI Department of Labor.

The project package will be available on or after April 9, 2014 at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A $25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing **no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on April 19, 2014** to the Capital Improvement Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB14-GOV-079"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, April 30, 2014**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. Saipan local time April 30, 2014**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **April 30, 2014** and must be received no later than **May 7, 2014**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, May 8, 2014**. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will opened at **10:30 a.m. Saipan local time, on April 30, 2014**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15 %) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations NMIAC Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price greater than $25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and

b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P & S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable asset are only:
1) Cash
2) US Government Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is thirty (30) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) one hundred dollars ($100.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by thirty (30) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ Jude U. Hofschneider, Acting Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE, ESTATE OF	**CIVIL ACTION NO. 14-0064**
GUADALUPE OCHO BORJA,	**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**
Deceased.	

TO: **THE HEIRS, GENERAL PUBLIC AND CREDITORS OF THE DECEDENT OR OF HER ESTATE.**

You are hereby notified that on **Tuesday, April 29, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.,** or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at the Superior Court for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, **Courtroom 223A**, Efrain Borja, by and through his attorney, Jesus C. Borja, will petition the above court for an order directing him, as Administrator, to proceed with the probate of the Estate of Guadalupe Ocho Borja, deceased, and for all other proper orders. All interested parties should appear at this hearing.

All persons having claims against the deceased, or her estate, are hereby required to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of the first publication of this notice, or the claim will be barred, pursuant to Rule 11, Commonwealth Rules of Probate Procedure.

A copy of your claim should also be sent to the law office of Jesus C. Borja at the address below:

JESUS C. BORJA
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 505889
Hagoi Road, Susupe
Saipan, MP 96950-5889

Dated this 11th day of March 2014.

/s/
Kristy R. Diaz
Depurty Clerk I

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
CNMI HEAD START PROGRAM
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SAIPAN, MP 96950
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Head Start Policy Council Meeting Agenda

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Head Start Policy Council hereby gives notice that it will have a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., Oleai Head Start Resource Center, Oleai, Saipan.

I. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Quorum
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Adoption of Minutes
   a. April 3, 2014 Special Meeting

II. Public Comments

III. Communication
1. From the State Board of Education
2. From the Office of Head Start

IV. Monthly Reports
1. Director
2. Finance Director
3. Center Representatives

V. Old Business
1. Action Items
   a. Approval of SY 13-14 Self Assessment Report
   b. Approval of SY 13-14 Community Assessment Report
2. Updates
   c. Facilities Projects Updates and Timelines

VI. New Business
1. Action Items
   a. Approval of FY 14-15 Grant Application
   b. Approval of SY 14-15 School Calendar

VII. Miscellaneous Matters

VIII. Executive Session
1. Personnel Matters

IX. Next Meeting

X. Adjournment

This meeting is open to the public, interested individuals are welcome to attend. Any person(s) requiring special accommodations may contact Mrs. Candace Q. Celis at (670) 664-3761 or email address at candace.celis@cnmipss.org, several days notice is required.

/s/ Roy Ada
Chairperson

[1] Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.

[2] Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Council may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

Off the Wall

Nebraska toddler gets stuck inside claw machine

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—Authorities say a toddler has been reunited with his mother after employees found him playing inside a claw crane machine at a Nebraska bowling alley.

Lincoln police say a 24-year-old woman called 911 Monday afternoon because her 3-year-old son was missing from her apartment.

Employees at the bowling alley across the street meanwhile called police to say a small boy was playing with stuffed animals inside the coin-operated machine.

It was unclear how the boy ended up inside the claw crane machine. A representative from the vending machine company let him out and he was reunited with his mother a short time later. He was not hurt.

Police say the mother was not cited because she quickly reported that her son was missing and there were no indications of neglect.

In this April 14, 2014 photo provided by Rachelle Hildreth, a 3-year-old boy plays with stuffed toys inside a claw crane game machine at a bowling alley in Lincoln, Neb.

AP

Pa. teen says typeface change could save millions

PITTSBURGH (AP)—A teenager has published a study suggesting the federal government could save millions of dollars a year in printing costs by switching to a thinner typeface that uses less ink.

Suvir Mirchandani, 14, said he noticed there was plenty of talk at school about saving paper and he wondered about saving ink.

Suvir, who lives in the Township of O'Hara, just outside Pittsburgh, said Friday that the idea began when he was in middle school and he "noticed that some teachers used heavier fonts" for printing. He said he was already interested in graphic design and used a software program to estimate how much ink different typefaces, or fonts, used.

"The data was really surprising to me," he said of how the differences added up, even for the printing done by his school district.

He expanded the study to look at potential savings by the federal government, and a new paper on his research was published this month in the Journal of Emerging Investigators, a peer-reviewed journal created for promising middle and high school students. He found that the Office of Management and Budget had already estimated that federal agencies would spend about $1.8 billion in printing for this year and that ink was more expensive than paper on a per-page basis.

In the new paper, "A Simple Printing Solution to Aid Deficit Reduction," Suvir analyzed five documents produced by five U.S. government agencies and estimated how much ink would be used with three typefaces: Garamond, Times New Roman and Century Gothic. The analysis estimated that using 12-point Garamond would save about 29 percent in ink costs.

Suvir said his school district looked at the idea but hasn't been able to implement the switch.

"It didn't really catch on," he said. "I understand it's hard to make this kind of a change."

Still, he's happy that his work succeeded in "even just creating an awareness" of how much ink different typefaces use.

The Government Printing Office has praised Suvir's work and said it will review the printing suggestion.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Did a German shepherd get called to jury duty?

BRIDGETON, N.J. (AP)—Could this prospective juror take a bite out of crime? Cumberland County, N.J., has summoned IV Griner to jury duty. The only problem is that IV is a 5-year-old German shepherd. Her owner tells KYW-TV in Philadelphia he sorted out the confusion soon after the summons arrived at his Bridgeton home. The dog's owner is Barrett Griner IV. He uses the Roman numeral for four in his name. He named his dog using the letters "I" and "V." The county's judiciary coordinator says the computer likely mistook the Roman numeral for Griner's first name and mailed the summons.

Man with 1st name 'God' sues credit rating agency

NEW YORK (AP)—A New York City man claims that a credit reporting agency falsely reported he had no financial history because his first name is God. According to the New York Post, God Gazarov of Brooklyn says in a lawsuit that Equifax has refused to correct its system to recognize his name as legitimate. He says an Equifax customer service representative even suggested that he change his name to resolve the issue. Gazarov is a Russian native who is named after his grandfather. The 26-year-old owns a Brighton Beach jewelry store and is a graduate of Brooklyn College. He says he has high scores with two other major credit agencies. The Post says Equifax did not return calls or emails seeking comment.

Police: Burglary suspects pocket-dialed 911

MAPLEWOOD, Minn. (AP)—Two Minnesota burglary suspects are arrested after police say one of them accidentally called 911 and left the line open as the pair discussed the crime. Maplewood Police Chief Paul Schnell says the dispatcher got a call and hang-up, then another call that stayed open. The St. Paul Pioneer Press reports the dispatcher overheard a conversation about where police were. Schnell says the calls were made on April 1 using the phone's emergency-call feature. The dispatcher saw the location was a car-repair shop. Officers arrived to see two men leaving the building wearing dark clothing. One carried a television, the other a box. The men dropped the objects and ran, but were caught by police dogs. Thirty-two-year-old Todd Weiss of Minnetonka and 38-year-old Justin Evans are charged with third-degree burglary.

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COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY
NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS FOR CPA PROJECT NO. RFP-007-14

PASSENGER LOADING BRIDGE MAINTENANCE SERVICE
SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is requesting proposals from qualified firms to provide the CPA with Passenger Loading Bridge Maintenance at the Saipan International Airport.

PROJECT LOCATION: All work shall take place at the Saipan International Airport, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: The scope of work will consist of all necessary preventive maintenance services and on-call repair of six (6) Jetway Passenger Loading Bridges and related equipment at the Saipan International Airport.

OBTAINING RFP DOCUMENTS AND ADDENDA: The RFP document will be available for pick up at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd, Floor Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport beginning March 21, 2014. Firm must register with the Office of the Executive Director upon obtaining the RFP Package.

EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT: This solicitation has been developed in the Request for Proposals (RFP) format. Accordingly, firms should take note that multiple factors as identified in the RFP package will be considered by the Evaluation Committee to determine which proposal best meets the requirements set forth in the RFP document. The CPA reserves the right to negotiate the terms and conditions of any resulting contract. Final Contract award, if any, will be made by the Commonwealth Ports Authority Contracting Officer. The selected firm will be required to comply with all insurance and license requirements of the CPA.

A non-mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at the Saipan International Airport Departure Building Conference Room located on the second floor at 10:00 AM on Friday, April 4th, 2014 and will include a tour of the Airport Loading Bridges to acquaint prospective Proposers with site conditions. Temporary SIDA badges will be provided for the tour. **Attendance is strongly encouraged.**

Failure of a Proposer to attend the pre-proposal conference shall constitute acceptance of all pre-existing site conditions and shall constitute a waiver of any and all future claims relating to said conditions. No variation in a proposal submitted shall be permitted based on claim ignorance.
This will be the only site visit scheduled.

DEADLINE: All proposals must be received by the Office of the Executive Director at the aforementioned location by 4:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME, Friday, APRIL 25th, 2014. The receiving time in the Executive Director's Office will be the governing time for acceptability of Proposals. All other forms of Proposal submissions will not be accepted and shall be returned unopened.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding proposal rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects of said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

PROPOSALS VALIDITY: The Proposer shall guarantee that all contents of their proposal shall be valid for a period of 120 calendar days from the due date of proposals.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MARYANN Q. LIZAMA/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION
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Email: nmhc@nmhc.gov.mp

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), as auctioneer and seller, hereby gives notice that all the rights, title and interests of NMHC in and to the following described real property will be sold at auction:

Lot No.: 003 D 22 AEDTFA ST. GARAPAN (Annex), SAIPAN MINIMUM BID: $76,950.00

The auction will be open to the general public and will be held at NMHC's conference room, Garapan, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. on May 5, 2014, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Minimum Bid. The minimum acceptable bid for each property shall be $(please see above).
2. Reserve. The auction sale shall be held with reserve.
3. Rights and Duties of NMHC as Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, NMHC shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
   a. To withdraw any property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
   b. To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c. To reject any and all bids.
4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Mr. Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director, NMHC, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-6866; Facisimile: 234-9021; or to Law Office of Vicente T. Salas, P.O. Box 501309, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
5. Deposit; Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale by cash, cashier's check or credit card (Visa or Mastercard).The remaining balance will be due within three (3) calendar days of the auction sale. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within three (3) calendar days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will automatically revert to NMHC.
6. Change of Terms. NMHC reserves the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
7. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. The interests of NMHC in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property or any related documents will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2014.

/s/ Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation

Science & Technology

Fired Yahoo exec gets $58M for 15 months of work

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Yahoo's recently fired chief operating officer, Henrique de Castro, left the Internet company with a severance package of $58 million even though he lasted just 15 months on the job.

The disclosure in a regulatory filing Wednesday may lead to more second-guessing about Yahoo CEO Marissa Mayer's decision to hire de Castro as her second-in-command in October 2012.

Mayer dumped de Castro in January after concluding he wasn't executing on her plan for reviving Yahoo's lackluster ad growth. De Castro had been in charge of ad sales.

"Ultimately, Henrique was not a fit and that's a very regrettable conclusion," Mayer told analysts in late January. "And it's a conclusion that we tried very hard to avoid, but it was the right decision in the end for the company." After making the expensive mistake, Mayer has said she won't pick another chief operating officer.

De Castro's severance pay more than doubled the amount that Yahoo paid Mayer last year. Mayer's compensation was valued at $24.9 million, a 32 percent decline from the previous year. The decrease stemmed primarily from a stock award of $35 million that she received in July 2012 when Yahoo persuaded her to leave her previous job as a top Google Inc. executive to become its CEO.

Yahoo Inc. previously disclosed de Castro would be getting a severance package, but didn't reveal the amount until Wednesday.

SOUND ADVICE

By DON LINDICH
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Q. I have a 5 year-old Mac Pro and use Picasa to organize and print my photographs. Recently the Picasa icon disappeared from my desktop and I could not find it. I spoke to a friend who is tech-savvy and he told me how to drag the Picasa icon from the Applications folder into the Dock. I now have a Picasa icon, but when I click on it I get an error message saying the program has crashed or stopped working.

I am extremely worried. It is bad enough that this problem is keeping me from enjoying my favorite hobby in my recent retirement. Now I am worried I have lost all my photographs as well. There are tens of thousands of pictures from a period of over 10 years. What can I do?—P.S., Cranberry Township, Pa.

A. First of all, I would not worry. I did some research on your problem and found many stories similar to yours. If you upgrade your Mac Pro to a newer version of Mac OS X (Snow Leopard or Mavericks) and download and install the latest version of Picasa you will be up and running again in no time. The new version of Picasa will update with all your previous folders and you can continue on as before.

This brings me to the second part of my answer. A network administrator for a large company once told me, "There are two kinds of people in the world. Those who back up their computers, and those that wish they had." If you had backups you may have had some frustration about your system, but there would not have been any anxiety over whether all your pictures were gone or not. It's just plain good practice and it is so easy to do these days there really isn't any excuse for not backing up your system.

Your Mac has a program called Time Machine that will automatically do backups for you. Look at the size of your Mac's hard drive and get an external drive that is several times bigger. For a 5-year-old Mac Pro I think 2 TB would be a good size.

Connect the hard drive to your computer and launch Time Machine. It will reformat the hard drive and start doing backups for you automatically. If you ever need to restore your computer to an earlier point in time it will do so very easily.

Windows users will find a wide variety of hard drives for sale with bundled backup software. I prefer the Western Digital and Toshiba brands.

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Life & Style

Daniel Radcliffe on why New York audiences rock

NEW YORK (AP)—The one thing Daniel Radcliffe always has to adjust to whenever he's onstage in America is how happy Americans are to see Daniel Radcliffe onstage.

The former "Harry Potter" star is consistently greeted by a burst of applause when he makes his entrance on Broadway, no matter if it's a musical or a drama. The first time it happened was in "Equus" in 2008 and he had to stop himself from laughing.

"It's just something we are so unaccustomed to in England," Radcliffe says. "Obviously, it's a sign of being very liked and that's lovely. It's just something I don't think I'll ever get used to."

He'd better try: The actor is starring in Martin McDonagh's barbed comedy "The Cripple of Inishmaan," playing the disabled orphan Billy in 1930s Ireland who harbors an unlikely dream of Hollywood stardom.

First staged in 1996, the play is a typically potent mix of comedy and cruelty from the writer-director of the violent, witty movie "In Bruges" and plays "The Beauty Queen of Leenane," ''The Pillowman" and "A Behanding in Spokane." This production, directed by Michael Grandage, debuted in the West End last year. Over here, it's at the Cort Theatre.

McDonagh's plays are littered with violence—hands separated from limbs, people tortured upside down—but Radcliffe says "The Cripple of Inishmaan" may knock some people off-guard.

"People who know the more brutal side of him will come to this play and be quite surprised by how moving it actually is," he says. "It's a beautiful play and a sad play and hopefully a play that will get people laughing despite themselves."

Radcliffe in person is unfailingly polite with no trace of ego. He's so sensitive that he poured himself into researching physical disabilities so he could be as true to life as possible. Though the script doesn't specify what Billy has beyond suffering partial paralysis, the actor decided his character has a form of cerebral palsy called hemiplegia.

"You're on dodgy ground a little bit when you're an able-bodied actor playing a character who lives with a disability. So I want to make it as authentic as I possibly can and by that I didn't just mean learning the physical, superficial mechanics of a disease and mimicking them," Radcliffe says.

"It's so much more than that and I think it would be very offensive to people to think you could just play a disability as if it's like putting on a hat."

The dark Irish comedy creates an interesting trio of Broadway roles for the former boy wizard. His mentally unstable teenager in "Equus" was followed by a singing-and-dancing con man in "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" in 2011.

"I think that is quite a good cross-section of my tastes and personality," he says. "I think I've always had the idea that one of the keys to longevity is diversity. If you do the same thing your entire life, people either get bored of you or you get bored of doing the same thing. Either way, it's not good."

AP

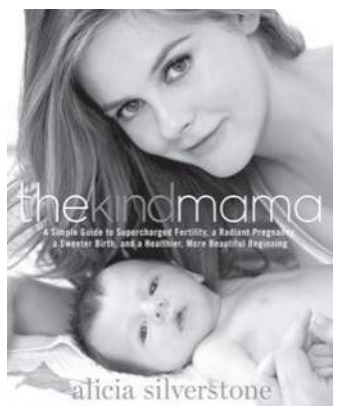
This image released by Boneau/Bryan-Brown shows Daniel Radcliffe performing in "The Cripple of Inishmaan," opening April 20 at the Cort Theatre in New York.

Alicia Silverstone out with book 'Kind Mama'

NEW YORK (AP)—She's famous as an actress for "Clueless." But Alicia Silverstone is also famous for her sometimes controversial ideas about mothering, and now she's put those philosophies down in writing in a just-published book, "The Kind Mama" (Rodale).

Silverstone, 37, whose son Bear Blu is almost 3, says she had a wonderful pregnancy and wants other women to feel as good as she did.

"I knew there was another way and it would be a more enjoyable, lovely way," said Silverstone in a recent interview. "So I started talking to doctors and medical experts, doing tons of research and found that there was so much support for this way. I wanted to make a guide for women so they could have that experience that they deserved to have."



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This book cover image released by Rodale Books shows "The Kind Mama: A Simple Guide to Supercharged Fertility, a Radiant Pregnancy, a Sweeter Birth, and a Healthier, More Beautiful Beginning," by Alicia Silverstone.

As a vegan, Silverstone advocates a plant-based diet over meat and dairy. "When you take plants as your medicine and you use these nourishing miracles to truly get well, everything's easier," she said, adding, "You get to have happy, healthy mommas and babies and when mommy feels good, everybody feels good. And when babies feel good they act really well. They're not uncomfortable and just struggling to process everything that's being done to them. They feel amazing and they thrive."

She also recommends a lying-in period after birth, where a mother can bond with her baby. Silverstone says she took 10 days after birth to stay in bed with her son.

Silverstone has made a few headlines in the past for advocating practices that are out of the mainstream: After giving birth, she ate pills made from the placenta, and in 2012, she aired a video of herself practicing pre-mastication—pre-chewing food for her baby and spitting it in his mouth.

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uFly fires flight instructor who appeared on CNN

TORONTO (AP)—A Canadian flight simulator business fired an instructor who figured prominently in CNN's coverage of missing Malaysia Airlines Flight 370, saying he showed up late to his regular job and "shamed Canadians" by dressing like a teenager.

uFly company owner Claudio Teixeira said he fired Mitchell Casado on Wednesday in part for refusing to dress professionally and making Canadians "look very bad all over the world."

Casado's relaxed style of jeans and plaid shirts attracted wide attention during CNN's constant coverage of the search for the missing flight. CNN's Martin Savidge and Casado logged many hours reporting from the fake cockpit located at the company's office near the Toronto airport, which has a simulator that is the same model of the lost plane.

Teixeira said Casado didn't come to work Tuesday when customers had the simulator booked. "This is not the first time. He's been warned before," he told The Associated Press.

Teixeira says he received many email complaints about the instructor's way of dressing during the time he appeared on CNN.

"Even though I let him be on TV he shamed us Canadians and shamed my company with the way he was dressing like he was 15 years old," he said. "People were complaining that it wasn't professional at all ... If you go to any plane you don't see them in shorts and sandals."

Casado declined to comment when reached by AP, saying "I'm not interested in talking to you."

In a tweet earlier, Casado wrote "My boss had me training a new guy the last few days, and now that he can do my job, and CNN left, he fired me. That's Ufly."

CNN spokeswoman Bridget Leininger noted Casado is an employee of uFLY, not CNN. She said CNN will not broadcast from the simulator on Thursday but may do so in the future.

Savidge and Casado spent 12-to18-hour days in the cockpit, using the machine to simulate what might happen under certain scenarios. They logged so much airtime reporting from the fake cockpit that the hashtag (hash)freemartinsavidge appeared on Twitter.

Although CNN has been criticized for its blanket coverage, its viewership rose 84 percent last month over what it had been before the plane went missing, the Nielsen company said.

When the cameras were off, Savidge took some informal flying lessons from Casado.

Teixeira called Casado a nice guy and wished him luck but said a change had to be made.

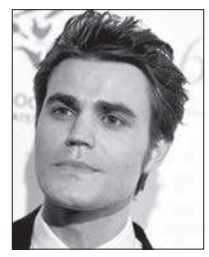
"I am the boss. I am the owner. I put in the money. It has to be my rules. If you don't agree with them you have to find another job," he said.

He said he gave Casado two-weeks pay.

'Vampire Diaries' star sinks teeth into directing

NEW YORK (AP)—Paul Wesley admits to experiencing jitters on his first day of directing Thursday's episode of the CW's "The Vampire Diaries," particularly when it came to saying the word "action."

"I had been hearing the word 'action' for 15 years, but it was always from behind-the-camera," explained the 31-year-old actor in a recent interview. "To say it was really a weird feeling."



Wesley

On "The Vampire Diaries," Wesley plays Stefan Salvatore, a 165-year-old vampire with a conscience, who happens to look eternally youthful because he was "turned" at a young age.

Wesley has long been fascinated by directing, admiring the likes of Stanley Kubrick and Ingmar Bergman, and says that after developing a good relationship with the brass at the network and on the show, he got the OK to get behind the camera this fifth season.

He was convinced they'd give him a lighter episode to start with but instead was thrown a "cool" challenge.

"I did blue screens, I had stunts, I had all sorts of visual effects, I had flashbacks," he said. "I mean it was really an action-packed episode. I was surprised at how much they gave me. I thought they were really gonna go easy on me, it was gonna be incredibly generic but it wasn't."

Now that he's experienced it once, Wesley is itching to direct more.

"This is not something that is sort of a one-time thing for me ... I'm gonna do more episodes next year, but I think it's about doing other things that aren't 'Vampire Diaries.' There's some cable shows that film during my hiatus which I'd love to direct, so I'd love to take a swing at that."

He said it's just a matter of time before he directs a feature film.

Wesley is also interested in other aspects of filmmaking. He produced and co-starred in "Before I Disappear" with Emmy Rossum and Richard Schiff, where he helped make creative decisions.

"I loved it. For me it was an incredibly gratifying experience."

The movie won the Audience Award at this year's South by Southwest Film Festival.

Wesley, who keeps an apartment in New York, was in town to serve on the jury of this year's Tribeca Film Festival in the short film category.

"I'm really inspired by short films. It's a fascinating medium."

Ailing Malcolm Young taking break from AC/DC

NEW YORK (AP)—Malcolm Young is taking a break from AC/DC to focus on his health, the band said.

The announcement saying the 61-year-old guitarist is in "ill health" was posted on the band's Facebook. No details were provided.

"Malcolm would like to thank the group's die-hard legions of fans worldwide for their never-ending love and support," the statement said.

AC/DC includes vocalist Brian Johnson, drummer Phil Rudd, bassist Cliff Williams and guitarist Angus Young, Malcolm Young's brother.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Famers said in the statement they "will continue to make music." AC/DC's last studio album was 2008's "Black Ice." They released a live disc in 2012.

Young co-founded the Australian classic rock band. He has performed with AC/DC for 40 years.

Mark Gable, a friend and musical contemporary of Young, said he doubted the guitarist would ever record again.

"It's not just that he is unwell, it's that it is quite serious," Gable, frontman of the Australian band The Choirboys, told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio.

"He will probably not be able to record," Gable added.

Sydney-based music company Alberts, which launched AC/DC's international career and manages the band's music catalogue, did not respond to a request for comment.

Will Arnett files for divorce from Amy Poehler

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Court records show Will Arnett has filed for divorce from Amy Poehler more than 18 months after the comedians announced their separation.

Arnett filed a divorce petition in Los Angeles Superior Court on April 8 citing irreconcilable differences. His filing seeks joint custody of the pair's two sons, who are ages 3 and 5.

The actors announced they were separating in September 2012 after nine years of marriage.

They were married in 2003 and have maintained successful careers, with Poehler starring in NBC's "Parks and Recreation" and Arnett starring in CBS' series "The Millers."

The court filing was first reported Wednesday by People magazine.

AP

This Jan. 15, 2012 file photo shows actors Amy Poehler, left, and Will Arnett arriving at the 69th Annual Golden Globe Awards in Los Angeles.

Bluesman apologizes for St. Louis concert gone bad

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Blues guitarist B.B. King wants his St. Louis fans to give him another chance after an erratic performance led to a stream of audience catcalls and early departures.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Famer issued a public apology on Tuesday for what his publicists called "a bad night for one of America's living blues legends."

The written statement says King, 88, and his band had returned from a four-week break before the April 4 show at the Peabody Opera House. The band drove straight to eastern Missouri from Las Vegas, a 24-hour, 1,600-mile (2,575-kilometer) trip each way. And King missed his daily dosage of diabetes medicine, which elevated his blood sugar.

"The combination of the rigors of the very long drive and high blood sugar due to his medication error resulted in a performance that did not match Mr. King's usual standard of excellence," reads the statement, which was issued on behalf of King by the St. Louis venue. "Mr. King apologizes and humbly asks for the understanding of his fans."

Concertgoers said King's rambling set featured just a handful of complete songs amid meandering musical snippets, long-winded soliloquies, an 8-piece backup band that missed its cues and a 15-minute sing-along of "You Are My Sunshine."

Jenny McCarthy announces engagement on 'The View'

NEW YORK (AP)—Jenny McCarthy had big news to share Wednesday on "The View": She's engaged to Donnie Wahlberg.

McCarthy raised her hidden left hand from behind the desk, revealing an engagement ring.

"It's a yellow sapphire," she said. "The View" co-host told how Wahlberg, star of CBS' "Blue Bloods" and a member of New Kids on the Block, proposed to her last weekend. She said her son, Evan, helped with the proposal.

Wahlberg, 44, then came on the set of the ABC show and hugged and kissed his fiancee.

"I feel like the luckiest girl in the world. He's so wonderful," McCarthy, 41, said.

This will be the second marriage for both.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Miley Cyrus still hospitalized, cancels 2nd show

NEW YORK (AP)—Miley Cyrus is canceling another concert and remains hospitalized for a severe allergic reaction to antibiotics. A representative for the 21-year-old says in a statement that Cyrus is canceling her Wednesday performance at the Scottrade Center in St. Louis. The singer also tweets that the hospital will not release her. She apologized in a tweet Wednesday. Cyrus canceled a Tuesday show in Kansas City, Missouri. Last week, she canceled a stop on her "Bangerz" tour in Charlotte, North Carolina, because she had the flu. Her rep said Wednesday that Friday's show in Nashville, Tennessee, "is still scheduled to go on as planned." Tickets for the St. Louis concert are being refunded.

All 'View' co-hosts will salute Barbara Walters

LOS ANGELES (AP)—ABC's "The View" will gather all 11 past and present co-hosts to salute Barbara Walters as she retires from daily television. The network said Wednesday the first-ever reunion will air live on the May 15 episode of "The View," the day before Walters says goodbye as series co-host. Among those scheduled to appear are Meredith Vieira, Star Jones and Joy Behar. They will join current co-hosts Walters, Sherri Shepherd, Jenny McCarthy and Whoopi Goldberg. The 84-year-old Walters announced in 2013 that she would be retiring this year from regular TV appearances. She'll remain an executive producer with the New York-based "The View" and will make special ABC News appearances as events warrant, the network has said.

Random House to adapt 'Unbroken' for young adults

NEW YORK (AP)—Random House says it plans to publish a young adult adaption of Laura Hillenbrand's bestselling survival saga "Unbroken." Barbara Marcus, president and publisher of Random House Children's Books, said Thursday the adaption will be published on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, with a first printing of 200,000 copies. "Unbroken: An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive" chronicles the true story of Lou Zamperini, a World War II hero and track star who ran in the 1936 Berlin Olympics. A motion picture based on the book and directed by Angelina Jolie is set for release on Christmas Day. Hillenbrand also wrote the bestselling "Seabiscuit: An American Legend."

Young raises $6M in Kickstarter campaign for Pono

NEW YORK (AP)—Neil Young has raised more than $6 million through a Kickstarter campaign to fund the singer-songwriter's digital music project PonoMusic. Kickstarter closed the campaign Tuesday after it raised $6.2 million through 18,000 supporters. The campaign is the third most-funded project for Kickstarter. Young's portable player will cost $399 when it debuts in October. PonoMusic will also launch an online music store. The project promises high quality audio compared with other digital tracks that feature compressed audio. The Kickstarter campaign was launched last month. Young, 68, named the company Pono after a Hawaiian word meaning righteousness.

EL Doctorow to receive Library of Congress Prize

NEW YORK (AP)—Novelist E.L. Doctorow will be honored with the Library of Congress Prize for American Fiction. Librarian of Congress James H. Billington made the announcement Wednesday. Billington said each of Doctorow's books is a "vivid canvas" filled with "color and drama." He likens Doctorow to Charles Dickens. Doctorow says novelists live with self-doubt. He says the honor confers "a blessed moment of peace and resolution." Works from his five-decade career include "Ragtime," ''World's Fair," ''Billy Bathgate," ''The March" and his current book, "Andrew's Brain." The Bronx-born novelist majored in philosophy at Kenyon College in Ohio. The award will be presented Aug. 30 in Washington.

Assistant's gruff attitude needs to be smoothed out

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: How do I deal with an assistant who keeps calling me a "brown-noser"? She did it again yesterday at a staff meeting in front of my boss and another assistant. It was the third time she has said it. She is gruff and rude, and several people have complained to me about her attitude.

Should I address her comments during her next employee evaluation, or would it be better to speak to her privately?

THE BOSS IN LAKELAND, FLA.

DEAR BOSS: Talk to her privately and tell her what she said is insulting, not funny and you don't want it to be repeated. Then, put a note about her disrespectful attitude and poor judgment in her personnel file. And by all means revisit the subject at her next evaluation. She should also be made aware that people have complained about her rudeness.

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DEAR ABBY: I would like to ask your readers—especially women —what is the one thing they feel is "make or break" in a relationship. A few months ago I divorced a man who was so disrespectful I don't think anyone in the world can match him.

As it turns out, I did myself a huge favor. Everything else—trust, compromise and honesty—is important in a relationship, but if there is no respect, it falls apart. That is what happened to me.

Abby, am I correct about respect being the most important aspect of a partnership?

DESERVING IN SALT LAKE CITY

DEAR DESERVING: I think so, and I'm sure most readers will agree. When people respect each other, it follows that there will be honesty, trust and a willingness to compromise. Without these components, relationships usually don't last—or they shouldn't.

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DEAR ABBY: My wife and I spent a lot of money flying to our grandnephew's bar mitzvah. We stayed in a hotel and spent the weekend celebrating with the family.

During the last event, a Sunday brunch, my wife was approached by her penny-pinching sister—the grandmother—who asked her to co-sponsor the brunch. My wife, who is naive regarding financial matters, agreed without consulting me.

A few days later, we received an email with an amount that is far more than I want to pay. Had I known in advance, we would have skipped the brunch. How should we proceed?

ON THE HOOK IN AUSTIN

DEAR ON THE HOOK: Your sister-in-law is a walking definition of the word "chutzpah." Your wife was wrong to obligate you without first making sure you agreed. That said, you have two choices: Refuse to share the cost of the brunch, which will embarrass your wife and cause hard feelings in the family, or grit your teeth, write a check and hope your wife has learned an expensive lesson.

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

HI ROSALYN, COME ON IN. THANKS FOR COMING AGAIN.
NO TROUBLE.
HI ROSALYN! YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY THIS TIME. CALVIN WILL BE ON HIS BEST BEHAVIOR TONIGHT.
EVEN SO, I'D LIKE AN ADVANCE.
AN ADVANCE? BUT... BUT...
DEAR, MAY I SPEAK WITH YOU A MOMENT?
BUT WE GAVE HER AN ADVANCE ON TONIGHT WHEN SHE LEFT LAST TIME!
I DON'T CARE. JUST PAY WHAT IT TAKES TO GET US OUT OF HERE!

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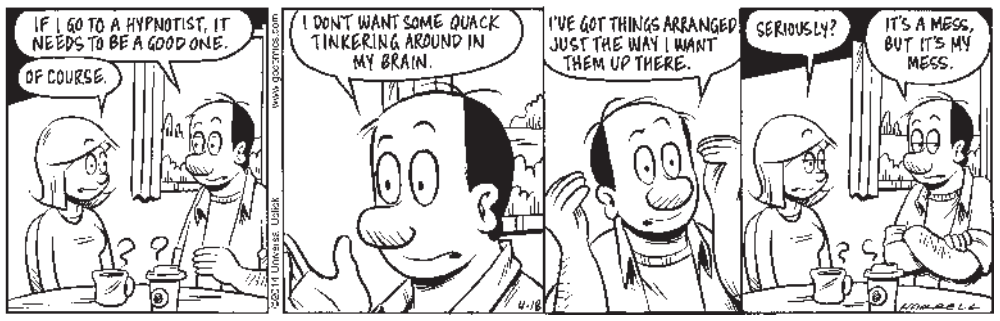
IF I GO TO A HYPNOTIST, IT NEEDS TO BE A GOOD ONE.
OF COURSE.
I DON'T WANT SOME QUACK TINKERING AROUND IN MY BRAIN.
I'VE GOT THINGS ARRANGED JUST THE WAY I WANT THEM UP THERE.
SERIOUSLY?
IT'S A MESS, BUT IT'S MY MESS.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

...AND THESE SHOWERS WILL LAST THROUGH THE WEEKEND AND EVEN INTO...
CRACK
OW! OW! OW!
HELP!
YOU KNOW YOUR WEATHER GUY IS GETTING OLD WHEN HE OVER-EXTENDS HIS EXTENDED FORECAST.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Wedding memento
6 Clothes protector
9 Snitch
12 60 minutes, in Marseilles
13 Green, in a way
14 Inventor Whitney
15 "— song of sixpence ..."
16 Caressed
18 Heart surgeon Cooley
20 Carry on
21 Blanc or Brooks
23 Pitch
24 Genders
25 Concept
27 Surpasses
29 Bat
31 Workout exercise
35 Superman portrayer
37 Won't shut up
38 "Bolero" composer
41 Altar constellation
43 Profit
44 "It's a Sin to Tell —"
45 Slept soundly?
47 Lit
49 Purplish flower
52 — out a living
53 Actress Thurman
54 Put up
55 — Moines
56 Hodges of baseball
57 Passover feast

DOWN
1 Spa sounds
2 Island neckwear
3 Made into a bale
4 Press on
5 Intended
6 Preceding
7 PC picture
8 "— voyage!"
9 Take ten
10 Painkiller brand
11 Ocean's motions
17 Formal
19 Dinette need
21 Karaoke prop, for short
22 School URL ending
24 Ex-Beatle Sutcliffe
26 Word that may accompany a handshake
28 I hope (Lat.)
30 Wet wriggler
32 Took care of
33 Guitar's kin
34 Calif. hrs.
36 Graffiti artist, to some
38 Gathered leaves
39 Nearly identical
40 Tarzan's transport system
42 Van Gogh venue
45 Big rig
46 Green land
48 Schlep
50 Blackjack component
51 Middle (Abbr.)

Solution time: 25 mins.

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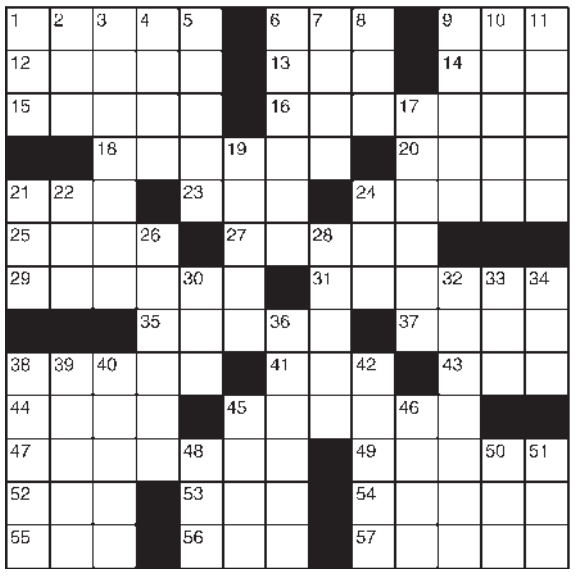
Yesterday's answer 4-18



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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Refuse to let petty comments or disruptions stop you from enjoying life and having fun. An aggressive approach to social events and interaction with people will lead to interesting proposals or moneymaking opportunities. A change to your living arrangements will be beneficial. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): You'll face frustrating situations with friends, relatives or neighbors. Look for an investment that can help you save money or improve your skills or the services you can offer. Put time aside to appease the youngsters and seniors in your life. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Separate your business from your personal life. Don't trust someone offering too much and asking for too little. Make changes based on what will help you the most. Your actions will draw enough attention and support to move you forward. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Stick to your original plan. Interference is apparent and will only lead to confusion and uncertainty. Stay focused on the task you want to accomplish and don't stop until you reach your destination. Your strength will be in your ability to follow through. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Make plans to have fun. Getting together with old friends or sharing your thoughts with your peers will lead to better relationships and strong alliances. Positive changes at home will improve your surroundings and add to your entertainment. ✪✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Be wary of anyone trying to coerce you into making a snap decision regarding a financial, legal or medical matter. Get all your facts straight first. After all, it's you who will have to answer for the outcome that unfolds. ✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Ask questions and dig deep to find out as much as you can about family, background, traditions and anything else that will help you improve your personal life. Communication will be key to developing a warm and loving relationship with someone special. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Consider a situation that has influenced your work and future prospects. Understanding what's changing and how you can update your skills in order to fit in will help you feel secure. Improvements at home should be geared toward an updated workspace. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Find out the facts and move on swiftly. Don't waste time on accusations or feeble rumors. Focus on home, family and making the changes that will ensure your happiness and a brighter future. Take action instead of just talking about your plans. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Stick close to home and be very observant. Back away from any situation that appears to be out of control. An unpredictable individual will lead you astray. Get your information straight and make the right choice. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Step outside your comfort zone if it will help you get ahead. Be progressive and look at the financial factor and benefits of an opportunity that arises. You have more to offer than you realize and you should shoot for advancement. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Be careful how you handle emotional situations. A problem will develop if you haven't been completely honest regarding your motives. Stabilize your situation by expressing exactly what you want to see develop and your plan to make it happen. ✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are an adventurer. You are positive, progressive and independent.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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		3		8	5			
	9			1		8		5
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	6	2				5	9	
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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 4/18

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

3	7	6	1	9	4	8	2	5
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2	9	5	8	7	3	6	4	1
6	5	3	9	2	7	4	1	8
7	1	9	6	4	8	5	3	2
8	2	4	3	1	5	7	6	9
1	4	7	5	8	2	3	9	6
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9	3	8	7	6	1	2	5	4

Difficulty Level ★★★ 4/17

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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S	P	W	M	W	S	D	R	O	W	S	S	O	R	C

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Additional Requirements: All applicants must be of good health and have a good moral character, must be able to follow grooming standards, must be able to obtain health certificate, must be able to provide current police clearance, with reliable transportation and must agree to drug test.

Applicants of positions listed above are required to have a minimum of 3-5 year experience. Applications can be picked up at Kinpachi Restaurant in Coral Tree Avenue, Garapan.

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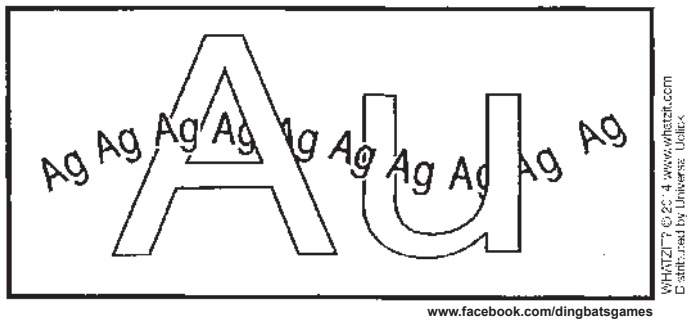

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Wizards head to playoffs with victory

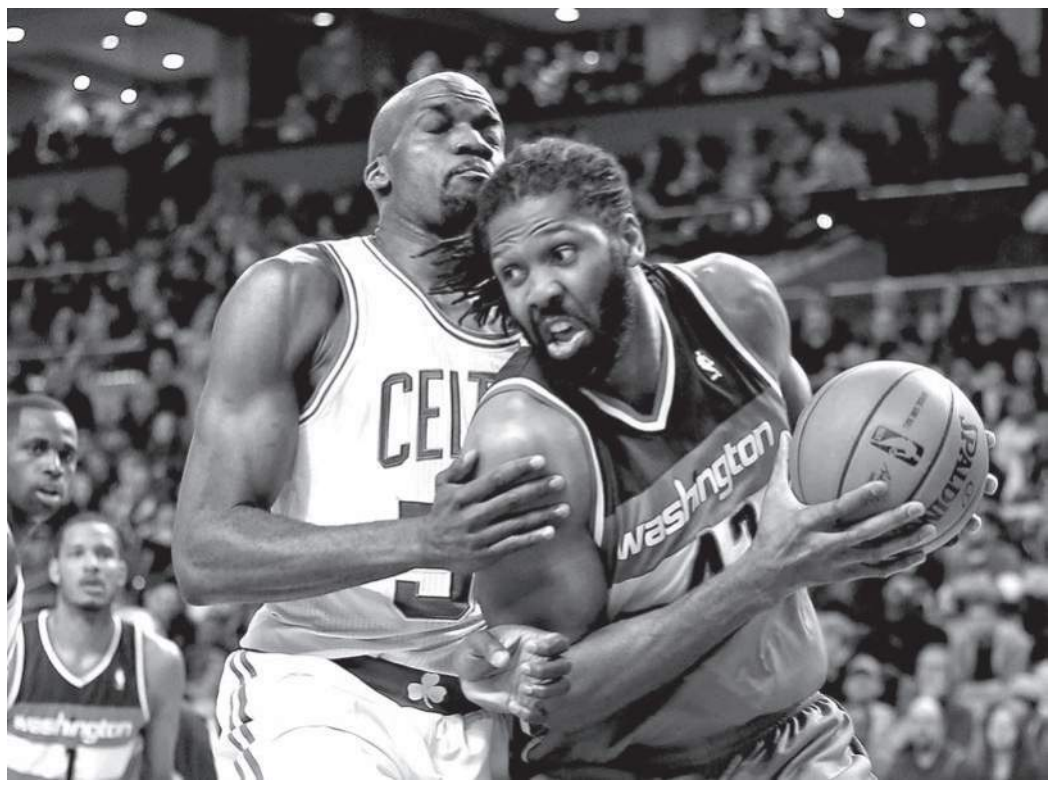
BOSTON (AP)— Bradley Beal scored 27 points and Washington clinched the No. 5 seed in the Eastern Conference with a 118-102 win over the Boston Celtics on Wednesday night.

The Wizards will be facing Chicago in their first playoff appearance since 2008.

Trevor Booker scored 20 points, Marcin Gortat had 15 with 10 rebounds, and John Wall 15 points for Washington, which finished the regular season 44-38. It's the most wins for the franchise since 45 in 2004-05.

The Wizards jumped over Brooklyn and into fifth place after the Nets lost in Cleveland.

Boston sat injured guards Rajon Rondo and Jerryd Bayless, and injured forwards Kris Humphries and Jared Sullinger, finishing with a 25-57 record. It was the club's worst since going 24-58 in 2006-07, the year before acquiring Kevin Garnett, Ray Allen and winning its 17th NBA title.



AP

Washington Wizards forward Nene Hilario, right, drives against Boston Celtics center Joel Anthony during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game in Boston, Wednesday, April 16, 2014.

Cavaliers 114, Nets 85

In Cleveland, Brooklyn coach Jason Kidd sat his starters for the playoffs and the Nets closed the regular season with a loss that dropped them to the No. 6 seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

Although the Nets could have clinched the Eastern Conference's No. 5 spot with a win, Kidd elected to rest Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce, Joe Johnson, Deron Williams and Shaun Livingston, who spent the night on the bench as the world's highest-paid cheerleading squad. Kidd also limited the minutes of key reserves and used only seven players.

Tyler Zeller scored 22 points with 11 rebounds and Dion Waiters scored 19 for the Cavaliers, who finished a disappointing 33-49 in coach Mike Brown's first season back and missed the playoffs for the fourth straight year. All-Star Kyrie Irving scored 15.

Knicks 95, Raptors 92

In New York, the New York Knicks finished their disappointing season with a victory and Toronto blew a 21-point lead but earned the No. 3 seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

Toronto will host the Brooklyn Nets, who fell to the No. 6 seed, in its playoff opener Saturday.

Cole Aldrich made the tie-breaking dunk with 1:23 left for the Knicks, who won their final four games to finish 37-45. J.R. Smith scored 30 points, while Aldrich finished with 13 points and 16 rebounds.

Kyle Lowry scored 22 points in 26 minutes for the Raptors, who finished 48-34.

Bobcats 91, Bulls 86, OT

In Charlotte, N.C., Kemba Walker scored eight of his 22 points in overtime to help Charlotte defeat Chicago.

Al Jefferson added 10 points and 18 rebounds for Charlotte, and Chris Douglas-Roberts finished with 13 points after being held scoreless for the first three quarters.

Josh McRoberts made a key play in overtime, blocking D.J. Augustin's 3-point attempt. Walker grabbed the loose ball and raced the length of the court for a layup that gave the Bobcats an 88-81 lead with 1 minute left.

Joakim Noah finished with 14 points and 13 rebounds for Chicago, Carlos Boozer added 14 points and 11 rebounds, and Augustin scored 17 points

Pacers 101, Magic 86

In Orlando, Fla., Rasual Butler and Chris Copeland each scored 19 points as Indiana rested key players and still cruised.

The Eastern Conference's top seed ended the season winning three of four to shake off a nasty late-season slump. The Pacers will open the playoffs against eighth-seed Atlanta.

Indiana held out Paul George, Lance Stephenson and David West against the Magic. Also getting the night off was reserve Ian Mahinmi.

Maurice Harkless led the Magic with 14 points, and E'Twaun Moore added 13.

Orlando ended the season losing 16 of their last 20, with the fifth-worst record in franchise history.

76ers 100, Heat 87

In Miami, Thaddeus Young scored 20 points, Michael Carter-Williams had 12 in the final game of his impressive rookie campaign for Philadelphia.

It was Philadelphia's second win of the season over the two-time defending NBA champions, though Miami was that in name only Wednesday. LeBron James, Chris Bosh, Mario Chalmers and Chris Andersen were held out to rest for the playoffs, which for the Heat begin on Sunday at home against the Charlotte Bobcats.

Brandon Davies had 11 points, while Henry Sims, James Anderson and Casper Ware each scored 10 for the 76ers (19-63).

Dwyane Wade scored 16 points in 23 minutes for Miami (54-28), which got 13 from Toney Douglas and 11 from Ray Allen.

Hawks 111, Bucks 103

In Milwaukee, Mike Scott scored 17 points and the Atlanta Hawks ended the regular season with a 111-103 win Wednesday over the Bucks, hours after Milwaukee owner Herb Kohl announced he was selling his team.

Dennis Schroder added 15 for the Hawks, who rallied from a 12-point deficit in the first half.

Atlanta is locked into the eighth seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs and a first-round date with the Indiana Pacers. Scott started for forward Paul Millsap, who was rested to get ready for the postseason.

Brandon Knight scored 31 points to lead the Bucks, who finished an NBA-worst 15-67.

Milwaukee's dismal season is over, though there is more certainty about the team's future after the prospective new owners said they wanted to build a new arena in Milwaukee.

Grizzlies 106, Mavericks 105, OT

In Memphis, Tenn., Mike Conley hit two free throws with 1.1 seconds left in overtime, and Memphis grabbed the Western Conference's No. 7 seed away from Dallas.

Monta Ellis missed a 17-footer before Conley drew the foul driving to the basket. Dallas had one last shot, but Ellis missed from the top of the key.

Memphis became the seventh team in the West with 50 wins this season. The Grizzlies, who set a franchise record with a 14th straight home win in a single season, will open the postseason Saturday at Oklahoma City.

Avoiding No. 1 seed San Antonio in the first round was the only thing on the line, and Memphis has lost 14 of its last 16 against the Spurs with the Mavericks losing nine straight.

Thunder 112, Pistons 111

In Oklahoma City, Kevin Durant scored 42 points, including 21 in the fourth quarter, and Oklahoma City secured the No. 2 playoff seed in the Western Conference.

Oklahoma City (59-23) had lost two straight to put itself in the must-win situation in the regular-season finale to earn the No. 2 seed. Durant brought the Thunder back while recording his 14th 40-point game of the season.

Kentavious Caldwell-Pope scored a career-high 30 points for the Pistons (29-53), while Greg Monroe had 22, Kyle Singler added 20 and Andre Drummond recorded his ninth straight double-double to end the season for Detroit, finishing with 22 points and 13 rebounds.

Pelicans 105, Rockets 100

In New Orleans, Tyreke Evans had 25 points and 10 assists, and New Orleans closed out a difficult season with a crowd-leasing victory.

It was the second straight victory for the Pelicans, both starring Evans' relentless hustle and forceful dribble-drives. Evans was nearly held out of the low-stakes games with a bruised right knee, but insisted on playing.

He gave New Orleans the lead for good with a driving layup with 2:35 left, then sealed it with a powerful move in which he wedged his way between Jordan Hamilton and Josh Powell for a running, right-handed hook from the lane.

Austin Rivers added 18 points and Anthony Morrow 15 for the Pelicans, who shot 52.4 percent.

Troy Daniels hit 6 3s and finished with 22 points for playoff-bound Houston, which rested James Harden, Chandler Parsons and Jeremy Lin.

Lakers 113, Spurs 100

In San Antonio, Jordan Hill had 18 points and 14 rebounds and the Lakers closed their worst season since they moved to Los Angeles with a victory over San Antonio.

Nick Young scored 16 points and Kendall Marshall added 15 points to help Los Angeles close the season with a two-game winning streak.

The Lakers (27-55) are expected to look dramatically different next season after finishing with their worst record since moving to Los Angeles.

Kawhi Leonard had 14 points to lead San Antonio, which did not have anyone play more than 27 minutes. The Spurs (62-20) had an opportunity to match their best record, but opted to rest in preparation for defense of their conference title.

Jazz 136, Timberwolves 130, 2OT

In Minneapolis, Trey Burke scored a career-high 32 points to go with nine assists and seven rebounds and the Jazz avoided their worst record since moving to Utah 35 years ago.

Gordon Hayward had 23 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists, and Derrick Favors added 21 points and 12 boards for the Jazz (25-57), who would have tied the worst record since the team relocated in 1979 with a loss. They also snapped a five-game losing streak and won for just the fourth time in their last 25 games.

Kevin Martin scored 36 points for the Timberwolves (40-42), who missed a chance to finish with their first non-losing record since 2005. Kevin Love scored 19 points on 4-for-15 shooting in what could be Rick Adelman's last game as an NBA coach.

Suns 104, Kings 99

In Sacramento, Calif., Archie Goodwin scored 12 of his career-high 29 points in the fourth quarter for Phoenix.

The Suns outscored the Kings 33-25 in the fourth quarter to snap a three-game losing streak.

Marcus Morris had 10 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter for the Suns. Twin Markieff Morris scored 15 points and Gerald Green 12.

Phoenix played without guard Goran Dragic (sore left ankle), who led the Suns in scoring and assists this season.

Ben McLemore had 31 points and five assists, both career highs, for the Kings, who lost for the sixth time in seven games while playing starters Rudy Gay and Isaiah Thomas limited minutes.

Trail Blazers 110, Clippers 104

In Portland, Ore., Will Barton had a career-high 23 points and 10 rebounds and Portland beat Los Angeles Clippers with both teams resting key players in advance of the playoffs.

Portland, which sat starting forward LaMarcus Aldridge, ends the regular season on a five-game winning streak. Seeded fifth in the Western Conference, Portland will face the Rockets in a first-round series starting Sunday in Houston.

Jamal Crawford scored 34 points for the Clippers, who didn't play Chris Paul and Blake Griffin. The team set the franchise record for most regular season wins (57) the night before with a victory over Denver.

Going into the game the Clippers had a chance to secure the No. 2 seed in the West. But when Oklahoma City defeated Detroit earlier Wednesday, the Clippers sewed up the third seed and will face Golden State in the opening round starting Saturday.

Warriors 116, Nuggets 112

In Denver, Jordan Crawford scored a career-high 41 points and Harrison Barnes added 30 as a squad of Golden State backups beat Denver.

Crawford beat his previous career high of 39 points set against Miami on March, 30, 2011, when he was with Washington. He surpassed it with a runner that put the Warriors ahead for good at 110-108.

Randy Foye, who led Denver with 32 points, raced downcourt in response but his finger-roll rimmed out and Golden State corralled the rebound.

With 30 seconds left, Barnes sank a free throw and Draymond Green swooped in to tip in his errant second shot, giving the Warriors a 113-108 lead.

Crawford and Steve Blake each missed a free throw over the next 14 seconds, giving the Nuggets an opening. Green was whistled for goal-tending on Foye's 3-pointer with seven seconds left but the call was overturned upon review, leaving the Nuggets trailing 115-112.

Cueto throws 3rd shutout as Reds beat Pirates, 4-0

CINCINNATI (AP) — Johnny Cueto pitched his third career shutout against the team that beat him in the playoffs, and Joey Votto hit a two-run homer that led the Cincinnati Reds over the Pittsburgh Pirates 4-0 Wednesday for their first winning series this season.

Cueto (1-2) limited the Pirates to three hits and struck out a career-high 12 during his first shutout since 2011.

Francisco Liriano (0-3) threw balls on 10 of his first 13 pitches and allowed three runs, six hits and three walks in seven innings along with two wild pitches.

Braves 1, Phillies 0

In Philadelphia, Julio Teheran (3-1)) retired his first 12 batters and pitched a three-hitter for his first complete game in 38 career starts.

Evan Gattis homered among a career-best four hits. Cliff Lee (2-2) struck out 13 and pitched around 11 hits in a complete game, throwing a career-high 128 pitches.

Mets 5, Diamondbacks 2

In Phoenix, Dillon Gee (1-0) retired his first 14 batters and allowed three hits in seven scoreless innings as the Mets completed a three-game sweep.

Arizona finished an 0-6 homestand in which it led at the end of just one inning and dropped to 1-11 in home games, including a pair of losses in Australia that started the season. At 4-14, the Diamondbacks are off to their worst 18-game start.

Brewers 5, Cardinals 1

In Milwaukee, Wily Peralta (2-0) allowed one run and six hits in 6 1-3 innings as Milwaukee avoided a series sweep.

Milwaukee, which entered the series with a nine-game winning streak, had one run and six hits in losing the first two games to St. Louis.

Nationals 6, Marlins 3

In Miami, Jayson Werth's homer scored three unearned runs against Jose Fernandez as Washington overcome a 3-0 deficit.

Two errors in the sixth inning by Marlins catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia helped the Nationals. Pinch-hitter Zach Walters broke a tie in the eighth inning against Mike Dunn (0-2) with his second career homer—and his second in as many nights.

Padres 4, Rockies 2

In San Diego, Andrew Cashner pitched into the eighth inning and Chris Denorfia drove in two runs to lift the San Diego Padres over the Colorado Rockies.

Cashner (2-1) wasn't nearly as sharp as he was in his previous start when he took a no-hitter into the sixth inning against Detroit on Friday before settling for a one-hitter with a career-best 11 strikeouts.

But the righty was resourceful as he consistently pitched his way out of trouble. Cashner gave up nine hits and allowed two runs—one earned — with five strikeouts in 7 1-3 innings. Huston Street pitched the ninth for his fifth save.

Giants 2, Dodgers 1

In San Francisco, Pablo Sandoval singled in the go-ahead run in the seventh inning, lifting the San Francisco Giants to a victory over the rival Los Angeles Dodgers and into first place in the NL West.

The struggling Sandoval came through after reliever J.P. Howell (1-1) intentionally walked Hunter Pence with two outs. Sandoval, who entered batting just .164, grounded into center field to score Joaquin Arias from second.

Jean Machi (3-0) pitched out of a bases-loaded jam earlier in the seventh for the win.

Yankees 3, Cubs 0, 1st game
Yankees 2, Cubs 0, 2nd game

In New York, Masahiro Tanaka and Michael Pineda pitched the New York Yankees to a 3-0, 2-0 sweep of the Chicago Cubs in a chilly day-night-doubleheader.

In the Cubs' first regular-season game at new Yankee Stadium, Tanaka (2-0) allowed two bunt hits in eight dominant innings and struck out 10 for his second straight start. Carlos Beltran homered in the first off Jason Hammel (2-1).

Michael Pineda (2-1) had a clean hand in his first outing since he was spotted with a mysterious brown goo on his right palm last week against Boston. He allowed four hits in six innings to beat Travis Wood (0-2).

Shawn Kelley and Adam Warren got saves for New York, which had not won by shutout twice in one day since April 9, 1987, against Kansas City, according to STATS. No team in the major leagues had done it since Minnesota swept Oakland on June 26, 1988.

The Cubs had not been blanked twice on the same day since Larry Jackson and Ray Sadecki pitched complete games for St. Louis on June 27, 1962.

Chicago was 9 for 61 (.148) at the plate, dropping its season average to .230, and struck out 17 times.

Orioles 2, Rays 0

In Baltimore, Miguel Gonzalez (1-1) and two relievers combined on a six-hitter, and Baltimore capitalized on two infield singles by Adam Jones.

Nick Markakis also had two hits for the Orioles, who outscored the Rays 10-1 in the rain-abbreviated, two-game series. Baltimore has won five of seven to reach .500 at 7-7.

Gonzalez (1-1) gave up three hits and three walks in five innings, and Tommy Hunter got three outs for his fourth save. Tampa Bay's Jake Odorizzi (1-2) allowed three runs and five hits in five innings.

Indians 3, Tigers 2

In Detroit, Yan Gomes hit a two-run triple, and Zach McAllister (2-0) allowed one run and four hits in six innings.

John Axford pitched the ninth for his fifth save for Cleveland, which had lost 18 of its previous 23 against Detroit.

Miguel Cabrera drove in both runs for the Tigers. Anibal Sanchez (0-1) gave up three runs — two earned — two hits and four walks in five innings.

Royals 6, Astros 4, 11 innings

In Houston, Mike Moustakas homered in the 11th to lift the Kansas City Royals over the Houston Astros.

Moustakas has been off to a tough start this season and was hitting .098 before his solo shot to the seats in right field off Jerome Williams (0-1) to lead off the 11th.

Jarrod Dyson singled and added an insurance run on a fielder's choice.

Rangers 3, Mariners 2

In Arlington, Texas, Leonys Martin had a game-winning RBI single in the ninth inning as the Texas Rangers scored two unearned runs in a two-out rally against Fernando Rodney (0-1), beating the Seattle Mariners in a game that started as a battle of aces.

Mariners ace Felix Hernandez struck out nine and had retired 10 in a row before Martin's leadoff triple in the eighth ended the big right-hander's night. Yu Darvish struck out eight in seven innings for the Rangers.

Red Sox 6, White Sox 4, 14 innings

In Chicago, Jackie Bradley Jr. hit a two-run double off Chicago infielder Leury Garcia in the top of the 14th and the Boston Red Sox outlasted the White Sox in a game that lasted 5 hours and 17 minutes.

With the score tied at 4 after 13 innings, the White Sox ran out of pitchers after Daniel Webb threw 59 pitches in three innings, so manager Robin Ventura turned to Garcia (0-1) to start the 14th. Garcia is the first White Sox position player to take the mound since Casper Wells pitched a scoreless inning last June.

Garcia retired the first two batters, but then walked Daniel Nava and Jonathan Herrera, and Bradley followed with his big hit.

Angels 5, Athletics 4, 12 innings

In Anaheim, Calif., Chris Iannetta homered with two outs in the 12th inning against Drew Pomeranz, giving Los Angeles a victory over Oakland.

Pomeranz (1-1) retired David Freese on a grounder to second base and Raul Ibanez on a foul pop to the catcher before Iannetta drove the next pitch to center field and just out of the reach of a leaping Craig Gentry, ending Oakland's four-game winning streak.

Jets sign former Titans RB Chris Johnson

NEW YORK (AP)—Always fast on the field, Chris Johnson is looking to quickly prove his critics wrong.

The New York Jets signed the former Titans running back Wednesday, a little over a week after he was officially released by Tennessee.

Johnson met with the Jets all day Tuesday—the first team he visited—and stayed in town to watch the Knicks-Nets game in Brooklyn before signing Wednesday. The Jets announced the move, but didn't release terms.

In a text message to The Associated Press, Johnson confirmed it was a two-year deal.

"I have a fresh start," Johnson told The Tennessean. "Now I am going to go out there with a chip on my shoulder. I know a lot of people are doubting me."

Johnson was told by the Titans of their decision April 4, ending a six-year stint in Tennessee during which he became one of the NFL's most exciting running backs. The former 2,000-yard rusher will team with Chris Ivory and Bilal Powell to give coach Rex Ryan and offensive coordinator Marty Mornhinweg a deep and dangerous backfield.

The Jets also have Mike Goodson, who is dealing with legal issues and recovering from torn knee ligaments.

"I've always been a big fan of the Jets," Johnson told the team's website. "There was some thought into this, but just at the end of the day, I was comfortable here. I just felt like it was the right situation."

While his days as a workhorse running back—he carried the ball over 300 times in each of the 2009 and 2010 seasons—might be over, Johnson could be the perfect complement to the bruising Ivory and versatile Powell. In Mornhinweg's first season as offensive coordinator, the Jets finished sixth in the league in rushing last year with Ivory and Powell sharing the load.

Despite the solid production, New York still entered the offseason aiming to improve the position with a big-play runner.

That's exactly what they're hoping to get in the speedy and durable Johnson, who turns 29 in September and is only the sixth player to rush for 1,000 yards in each of his first six seasons.

"I see this as a team on the rise," Johnson told newyorkjets.com. "This is a winning team."

But there have been questions about whether he'll ever be the same player who rushed for 2,006 yards in 2009, when he earned his "CJ2K" nickname.

Johnson finished with 1,077 yards - the second-lowest total of his career—and a career-worst 3.9-yard average last season. He also rushed for 100 or more yards just twice.

The Jets held Johnson to just 21 yards on 15 carries in their 38-13 loss last season at Tennessee, but Johnson gouged them for 122 yards on 21 carries, including a career-best 94-yard touchdown run, in 2012.

The splashy move is reminiscent of the one the Jets made in 2010, when they signed an aging LaDainian Tomlinson, who turned out to be a useful role player. While being deliberate throughout free agency, general manager John Idzik has now signed arguably the three best players available at their positions in Johnson, quarterback Michael Vick and wide receiver Eric Decker.

New York also showed early interest in free agency in running backs Maurice Jones-Drew and Donald Brown, but they signed elsewhere.

The Titans cut ties with Johnson, making him a free agent, to avoid paying the $8 million he was due for this season, along with the final three seasons left on the $53.5 million contract he signed in September 2011. Johnson, who set several franchise and NFL records during his time in Tennessee, repeatedly said he wouldn't take a pay cut this offseason.

That prompted the Titans to unsuccessfully explore trade options this offseason- including with the Jets—before releasing him. Johnson's exit appeared inevitable when Tennessee signed Dexter McCluster to a three-year deal and re-signed Leon Washington to join Shonn Greene in the backfield.

"The Titans were ready to move on," Johnson said in his interview with The Tennessean. "They didn't want me anymore. But everything is going to work out."

Johnson was the 24th overall pick in the 2008 draft out of East Carolina, and had never missed a game because of injury—despite having surgery after the season to repair a torn meniscus that he played with most of the year.

He has 7,965 career yards on 1,742 carries for a 4.6-yard average, including 50 touchdowns, and ranks third on Tennessee's franchise rushing list behind Eddie George and Earl Campbell. Johnson also has caught 272 passes for 2,003 yards and eight TDs.

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error, giving the Braves a 4-1 advantage.

The eventual finalists went on to bag one run apiece in the fifth and sixth inning for more cushion, while the Red Sox were shut out in the last three innings and made it to scoring position only one to miss its first attempt to enter the finals.

The Red Sox, who was seeded first in the finals and won the division pennant, will try to march into the title match anew when they face the Jets this weekend. The fourth-ranked Jets kept their finals bid alive after eliminating the JPO Enforcers, 5-4, in last Sunday's playoff tiff.

The Jets scored four runs in the pivotal seventh inning to nose out the Enforcers. Behind by one, 1-2, after six complete innings, T.J. Dela Cruz hit an RBI double to tie the game, while Jess Brel broke the tie with his two-RBI triple, and the latter also reached off a sacrifice out for their 5-2 advantage.

The Enforcers' first two batters made it home of the Jets errors to slice the deficit to one with one out and a runner at third base, but the Jets got back-to-back putout plays to end match and secure a playoff berth for the last finals ticket against the Red Sox.

Also staying alive for a finals seat in the Junior League were the Comets, who crushed the Fielders in a playoff match last Sunday, 10-1.

Austin Hocog pitched in 6.2 innings and struck out seven runners to lift the Comets to victory. He only allowed two hits and one earned run.

The Fielders scored their lone run at the top of the second inning, but still faced a 1-4 deficit, as the Comets hit their target in the opening inning. The Comets got three earned runs and stole home at the top of the first to take the early lead. They then went cold in the next three innings, but made up for their silence in the fifth, collecting six runs for the easy win.

With the victory, the Comets will take on the Falcons for the right to duel the JPO Enforcers in the Junior League Finals. The Enforcers advanced to the title game first, following a 2-1 triumph over the Falcons last Saturday.

CNMI

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mez. Mae Ito is the team manager, while Ross Zapanta is the delegation head, and Pam Carhill of Marianas Health Service is the team physiotherapist.

In Hong Kong, the CNMI bets will be playing against three teams. Today, the Commonwealth players will take on the host in a 9:15am match, which will be followed by the game between China and Guam. Tomorrow, the CNMI will challenge China in the second game at 11:30am before closing out its campaign in the three-day tournament with a duel versus Guam at 9:15am.

Meanwhile, action in Northern Mariana Islands Football Association's two adult leagues continued last weekend.

In the NMIFA women's league at the Oleai Sports Complex Field, Shirley's FC, Independents FC, and Kanoa FC won against separate opponents. Shirley's was pitted against Matansa and cruised to a 4-0 victory, while Independents FC edged Paire, 1-0, and Kanoa won via default over Tan Holdings.

Negahr Rastguiy canned a pair go goals in Shirley's FC shutout win over Matansa, while Yui Ito and Marilou Gariguez chipped in one apiece. In the Independents-Paire tiff, Amy Furnare nailed the lone goal to hand the former its second win in three games.

In the M-League (men's), Wild Bill's, Thundercats, and Inter Godfather's blanked their foes, while Paire slipped past Matansa, 2-1.

Inter Godfather's played in the first game at the Oleai pitch last Sunday and downed MP United, 2-0. Shunji Nagayasu scored in the first half (32nd minute) for Inter Godfather's, while Peter Loken handed the team its second goal in the 78th minute.

In the second game, Ajani Burelle made both goals for Paire. He got his first right into the third minute of the first half and the second in the opening minute of the final frame. Matansa avoided a shutout after drawing a goal from Kamrul Kamrul in the 48th minute.

In the third match of the day, Tanapon Unsa and Jack Thoensaket teamed up in lifting Wild Bill's to the easy win. The two players scored two goals each with Unsa scoring back-to-back goals in a span of two minutes (25th and 27th minute). Thoensaket also made it to the board in the first half (39th minute) before tallying his second one with nine minutes left in the match. Tyler Willsey and Daniel Wollack also lit up the board in the second half for Wild Bill's.

In the final game of the weekend, the Thundercats got goals from Timothy Tawanpiy (38th) and Frank Jeon (58th) to defeat Sun Palace.

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lems," Rangamar said.

The All School meet, which will run from May 8 to 10 at the Oleai Sports Complex, is one of the longest-running competitions in the CNMI and the older Ayuyu vows to continue backing up the event for elementary, junior high, and high school student-athletes.

"I believe this is a strong program and a lot of kids are participating every year," said the McDonald's president, who also introduced his son to the program yesterday. "One day we will pass the torch to him and he has to know that this program is important to his dad."

Marcia Ayuyu added her husband's heart is with the youth and he loves supporting activities that benefit them. She also encourages parents and teachers to support their children and students in this kind of activity.

As for the younger Ayuyu, who will be seeing the competition for the first time, he commends the athletes and their coaches for taking time out to train and join the on-going qualifying tournaments and the competition proper next month.

"I commend the hard work they put into the tournament and I am looking forward to seeing them in the field next month," the young Ayuyu said.

Meanwhile, Tebuteb said McDonald's Saipan is a critical part of the All Schools competition, which is NMA's grassroots program.

"McDonald's is part of the foundation of the program that without its strong support, the foundation will be weak and fall. We are forever grateful to McDonald's Saipan because it supported us without hesitation 10 years ago," said Tebuteb, who was challenged by the older Ayuyu to a sprint race.

"One day, I will go out there in my running shoes and race against the congressman," the smiling McDonald's Saipan head said.

The All School's meet will have qualifying tournaments in run, jumping, and throwing events until the event of this month before schools battle for the age group championships next month.

The Top 8 best records (running events) will earn entries to the All Schools meet's high school and junior high divisions, while in the throwing and field events, students who will make it to the Top 12 will make it to the tournament proper. In the elementary category, only the Top 2 in sprints events in each zones will qualify, while the two best times from the combined zones (A, B, and C) will gain slots to next month's competition. In the middle distance, throwing, and jump events, the Top 3 from each zone will make the cut, along with the Top 3 from the combined zones.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS (FINAL)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Toronto	48	34	.585	–
x-Brooklyn	44	38	.537	4
New York	37	45	.451	11
Boston	25	57	.305	23
Philadelphia	19	63	.232	29

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Miami	54	28	.659	–
x-Washington	44	38	.537	10
x-Charlotte	43	39	.524	11
x-Atlanta	38	44	.463	16
Orlando	23	59	.280	31

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Indiana	56	26	.683	–
x-Chicago	48	34	.585	8
Cleveland	33	49	.402	23
Detroit	29	53	.354	27
Milwaukee	15	67	.183	41

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-San Antonio	62	20	.756	–
x-Houston	54	28	.659	8
x-Memphis	50	32	.610	12
x-Dallas	49	33	.598	13
New Orleans	34	48	.415	28

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Oklahoma City	59	23	.720	–
x-Portland	54	28	.659	5
Minnesota	40	42	.488	19
Denver	36	46	.439	23
Utah	25	57	.305	34

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-L.A. Clippers	57	25	.695	–
x-Golden State	51	31	.622	6
Phoenix	48	34	.585	9
Sacramento	28	54	.341	29
L.A. Lakers	27	55	.329	30

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	9	6	.600	–
Toronto	8	6	.571	½
Baltimore	7	7	.500	1½
Tampa Bay	7	8	.467	2
Boston	6	9	.400	3

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	6	5	.545	–
Chicago	8	7	.533	–
Cleveland	7	7	.500	½
Kansas City	6	7	.462	1
Minnesota	6	7	.462	1

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	10	5	.667	–
Texas	8	7	.533	2
Seattle	7	7	.500	2½
Los Angeles	7	8	.467	3
Houston	5	10	.333	5

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	10	4	.714	–
Washington	9	6	.600	1½
New York	8	7	.533	2½
Philadelphia	6	8	.429	4
Miami	6	10	.375	5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	11	4	.733	–
St. Louis	9	6	.600	2
Pittsburgh	7	8	.467	4
Cincinnati	6	9	.400	5
Chicago	4	10	.286	6½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	10	5	.667	–
Los Angeles	9	6	.600	1
San Diego	7	8	.467	3
Colorado	7	9	.438	3½
Arizona	4	14	.222	7½

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Cepeda wins comeback fight in ROP 16

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Trench Tech's Vince Ning "The Slicer" Cepeda returned to the octagon cage after a year-long absence and won over GMT/Gracie Barra Jose "Young Blood" Ramirez of Guam in their 155-lb bout in Rites of Passage 16: Unleashed last Friday at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort.

Cepeda used his grappling and wrestling skills to earn a victory via unanimous decision against Ramirez. Two judges scored the three-round tiff at 30-27, while the third judge gave Cepeda a 30-26 edge.

Ramirez absorbed his first loss in three appearances in Rites of Passage and second in his MMA career after, as he tried to go for a stand-up fight and threw punches to the body of Cepeda, but could not get his momentum going with the Trench Tech bet either holding him down the canvas or tying him up at the cage's side. Ramirez won his first two fights on Saipan via TKOs, as he pounded Travis Eubanks in ROP 13: Destiny in 2012 and Vince "Sanity" Pua in Trench Warz 17: Night of the Champions last year.

The Ramirez-Cepeda collision was a semi-main event bout and came after nine other MMA bouts.

In the first MMA match, Guam's Ernie Santos handed Zalaka's Allan "The Silver Bullet" Aguon his first loss. The two fighters consistently exchanged blows in the first two rounds and the stand-up fight was pretty even heading into the opening minute of Round 3 before Santos caught Aguon's neck and went for a rear-naked choke. Aguon could not get out of trouble and submitted to his foe at the 1:58 mark of the last round.

Santos' triumph over Aguon started Guam bets' string of victories, as six other visiting fighters from Saipan's neighboring island also recorded wins in their respective bouts.

In the semi heavyweight bout between Guam's Rocky "Rockstar" Quichocho and Trench Tech's Slade "The Rage" Adelbai, the former threw deadly combinations into the bloody face of the latter in the third round for a TKO win at the 4:38 mark of that period. Before getting punished by Quichocho's punches, Adelbai held his own against his much younger foe, unloading some strikes during a stand-up fight in the first two rounds.

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Trench Tech's Ning "The Slicer" Cepeda holds on to the neck of Gracie Barra's Jose "Young Blood" Ramirez during the first round of their 155-lb bout in the Rites of Passage 16: Unleashed last Friday at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort.

Quichocho's fellow Guamanian fighter—Ryan "The Predator" Toves—also bagged a TKO win. Toves surprised Saipan's Jun Taitingfong with a jumping kick that brought the latter down the canvas and before the former went for the killer blows, referee Keith Nabors stopped the bout at the 2:41 mark of Round 1.

In another Guam versus Saipan duel, Scotty "Da Slaya" Eclavea used an arm bar to beat Josh "Oh My Gosh" just over a minute (1:26) into the first round. Purebred Guam's Mikey Sanchez worked out an arm bar, too against Saipan's K.J. "Man Down" Villagomez to finish the fight at the 2:08 mark of the opening round.

In the Guam versus Guam encounter, Purebred Guam's Eric Siam won his debut fight on Saipan after stopping HBP's Mitchel Torre via Guillotine choke at 2:23 of the first round.

Completing the list of Guam bets who returned home victorious were Rob Eclavea and Jerome Cruz. Eclavea won via default after a no-show from Tinian's Haini "The Prodigy" Hofschneider, while Cruz nailed a unanimous decision win over Trench Tech's Walt "The Silent Assault" Florencio.

In other results, Trench Tech standouts Lenny "The Machine Gun" Sablan and Seongho Chung got TKO wins over separate foes. Chung was paired against D2S' Jay "Bonbon" Camacho and unleashed a string of punches as he gained top position for the TKO win at the 1:58 mark of the first round. Sablan posted the TKI triumph in the second round (1:30), as he got out of Jones Langu's grip down the canvas and threw a flurry of punches to the latter's head, prompting referee Frank "The Crank" Camacho to stop the fight.

Blue Haus, Hoops edge opponents

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Defending champion Blue Haus retained its perfect record after surviving JP World, 76-74, in the second game in the 2014 QQ Rent A Cat International Basketball League last Monday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Brendon Talania scored 4 of Blue Haus' last 5 points, including, two crucial free throws, to help his team thwart JP World and get their third win in as many games. JP World fell to a 1-1 record, falling short in its comeback bid after working its way back from a 14-point deficit at the end of the third period.

Blue Haus was ahead by only three at the break, 31-28, when it exploded for 30 big points in the third canto to take a double-digit advantage, 61-47, with only one quarter to go. Leo Galarse led the breakaway, scoring 9 points in the third frame, while four other Blue Haus players contributed at least 4 points each to stretch the team's advance.

However, Blue Haus failed to hang on to the big margin, as JP World quickly recovered in the fourth quarter behind Freddie Pelisamen, Gyles Ruluked, and Jun Estolas' baskets.

With JP World threatening to end Blue Haus' streak, Talania came into the defending champion's rescue, hitting all his 8 points in the fourth quarter. He had a triple and a layup in the fourth and capped his final-quarter push with a pair of charities that sealed it for Blue Haus.

Meanwhile, Hoopaholics snapped its two-game losing skid after outclassing High-Five in a low-scoring game, 52-45.

Kelvin Fitial top-scored in the Hoops' first win, as he drilled 12 points. Mel Manibusan added 10, while four other Hoops players combined for 22 points.

The Hoops drew contributions from several players, while High-Five had only five breaking into the scoreboard. With its balance offense, the Hoops took the lead at the end of each quarter, keeping a safe distance against the depleted crew of High-Five (1-2).

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The Hoopaholics' Marlon Cabrera, right, beats teammate Mel Manibusan and High-Five's Charlie Peters for the rebound during the second quarter of their game in the QQ caging last Monday at the Garapan Basketball Court.

First Game

Hoopaholics 52 – Fitial 12, Manibusan 10, Cabrera 6, Villacrusis 6, Itibus 6, Lauron 4, Lee 3, Diaz 3, Villagomez 2.

High-Five 45 – Brennan 13, Wesley 10, Pangelinan 9, McCain 8, Peters 4.

Scoring by quarters: 14-11, 27-25, 39-35, 52-45.

Second Game

Blue Haus 76 – Pagarao 14, Esdrelon 10, Barbo 10, Galarse 9, Talania 8, Devero 6, Demapan 6, De Dios 3, Berline 2.

JP World 74 – Pelisamen 26, Estolas 9, Paraiso 6, Jones 6, Ruluked 6, Sharry 4, Camacho 3, Olaitiman 2, Peredo 2, Sison 2.

Scoring by quarters: 15-14, 31-28, 61-47, 76-74.

Siblings lead finishers in Taga Kids

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Last Saturday's Taga Kids was a family affair as siblings were among the 33 finishers in the weekend.

In the 6-8 years old age group, Jinnosuke Suzuki led 11 other finishers, clocking in at 16:22.92. Joining him in the Top 3 were Isaiah Aleksenko (16:32.72) and Taiyo Akimaru (18:00.09), while Soleil Lamar was the top place in the girls division after submitting 18:40.20 and beating Natsuki Nagata (19:59.37), and Hinata Noguchi (21:07.54).

Other finishers in the race held at Micro Beach (swim leg) and the American Memorial Park compound (bike and run) were Dylan Mister (18:10.92), Leo Takahashi (18:39.07), Wataru Kadokura (19:11.92), Jini Thompson (22:13.02), Dino Sato (24:16.20), and Susana Villagomez (27:33.20).

In the boys 9 to 12 age group, Jinnosuke's older brother Lennosuke posted the fastest time among 15 participants after logging 36:30.92. Lennosuke made it to the podium along with Rintaro Miyawaki (37:30.26) and Taiga Sato (37:37.82).

In the girls 9 to 12 sisters Conatsu and Coume Kaga took the Top 2 finishes with the former clocking in at 37:25.29 and the latter recording 44:55.08. Jini's older sister Jin Ju Thompson joined the Kaga siblings in the Top 3 after timing in at 46:15.94.

Completing the finishers list in the 9 to 12 age group were Rinto Takahashi (37:37.82), Blake Mister (40:06.18), Akira Kadokura (46:15.94), R.J. Pierce (47:53.43), Miku Torres (50:11.20), Grafton Howard (51:29.69), Richard Villagomez (56:56.50), Alex Bateman (1:00:11), and Ayaka Sato (1:02:13).

In the 13 to 15 years old division, So Mang Park was the lone entry to finish the longest race in Taga Kids under one hour after registering 58:01.36. He prevailed against Wesley Peru (1:05:46), Joaquin Leon Guerrero (1:09:24) and Noah Camacho (1:21:31). In the girls division, Caitlin Tinney (1:25:34) won over Olivia Hirsh (1:26:34).

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Participants in last Saturday's Taga Kids wait for the start of the swim leg at Micro Beach.

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Braves barge into Senior League finals

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The Tanapag Braves are back in the finals, following a 6-1 victory over the Red Sox in the first playoff game in the Senior League division of the 2014 Saipan Little League Baseball last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

A.J. Evangelista pitched the Braves to the finals-berth clinching win. He pitched a complete game and allowed only five hits and one earned run, while the rest of his teammates also stepped up on defense, hustling for 10 fly balls.

On offense, the Braves, who lost to the Fielders in last year's finals, 4-8, scored in five innings to earn a return trip to the finals. A sacrifice out from Ian Norita drove Evangelista home at the top of the first inning and the Braves went up, 2-0, behind M.J. Sakisat's RBI single in the second inning.

Evangelista and the Braves kept the Red Sox from scoring in the first three innings before the latter broke the ice at the bottom fourth off Jhace Palacios' RBI single. Earlier at the top of the fourth, the Braves had another sacrifice out, while Roke Tenorio reached home off an

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A Braves lefty batter waits for the pitch from the Red Sox during their playoff game in the Senior League division of the 2014 Saipan Little League Baseball last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

McDonald's Saipan-NMA partnership reaches a decade

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McDonald's Saipan officials turn over the ceremonial check donation to Northern Marianas Athletics officers for the 2014 McDonald's/PSS All Schools Championships during a ceremony at McDonald's Middle Road yesterday. In the photo, from left, are a McDonald's crew, NMA president Ramon Tebuteb, McDonald's general manager Marcia Ayuyu, McDonald's president Joe Ayuyu, and his son Joe Ayuyu Jr.

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Northern Marianas Athletics and McDonald's Saipan marked their 10 years of partnership with a donation turnover ceremony for the 2014 McDonald's/PSS All Schools Athletics Championship.

McDonald's Saipan president Joe Ayuyu, together with his wife Marcia and son Joe Jr., handed over the $3,000 check to NMA president Ramon "Ray" Tebuteb and coach Elias Rangamar during a brief ceremony at McDonald's Middle Road yesterday morning.

"Time flies so pretty past and we would like to thank McDonald's for their continued support to our program," Elias Rangamar said.

"We almost decided not to hold this year's tournament because the track is in bad shape, but because of the assistance of some people, including Mr. Paul Ackerman, we were able to fix these prob-

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CNMI to compete in HK football tourney

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The CNMI U14 National Team left Saipan early yesterday morning to compete in the Girls International Youth Football Invitational Tournament in Hong Kong this weekend.

The CNMI squad is composed of 18 players and three officials. Goalie Chevy Kate Alipio leads the team and is joined by Princess Alcantara, Carla Ballesteros, Guinevere Borja, Angelica Carreon, Jeralyn Castillo, Katrina Costales, Anela Duenas, Berdanette Horey, Samanta Manacop, Diana Maniacop, De'Jana Muna, Angelica and Lyka Sally, Pinyarat Shanweiler, Madeleine Taisacan, Krizel Tuason, and Gillian Villago-

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Players and officials of the CNMI U14 National Team pose for a group photo at the departure area of the Saipan International Airport early yesterday morning before heading to Hong Kong for a weekend tournament.